

**"DEAD TO THE LAW"****Introduction**

1. Galatians: contending for the gospel
2. The Christian religion is one of balance
3. Especially the balance of Law + Gospel

**1. THE LAW OF GOD IS MAN'S GREAT PROBLEM**

- 1) Which Law do we here refer to: 3 forms
- 2) The Moral Law:
  - (i) the covenant under which we were placed
  - (ii) its demand: to love God and our neighbour
  - (iii) the Ten commandments: Perfection
  - (iv) they depend on the nature of God
- 3) Other forms of Law
  - (i) Ceremonial: the gospel in OT times
  - (ii) Judicial: for the Theocracy
  - (iii) Based largely on the will of God

**APPLICATION**: "Agree with thine adversary"

**2. TO BECOME DEAD TO THE LAW IS GOD'S SALVATION**

- 1) How can man be freed from obligation to God's Moral Law?
- 2) **ANSWER**: By a change of obligation:  
**ILLUSTRATION**: Marriage a second time (Romans 7)
- 3) We only become dead to God's law by entering into a new Covenant
- 4) The gospel-command, or covenant of grace:
  - (i) someone else obeys for us: Christ
  - (ii) someone suffers for us: Christ

- 5) How this comes about: by the Law:
  - (i) Law as Schoolmaster: Romans 7:7-13
  - (ii) Law as Covenant: Romans 7:1-6
- 6) Faith brings us out of covenant with God's Moral Law and into Covenant with Christ.
- 7) Hence our text: a new covenant  
**APPLICATION**: It is written on our heart

**3. THOSE ONLY WHO ARE DEAD TO THE LAW LOVE IT**

- 1) The effect is not:
  - (i) The Moral Law is now ignored – but rather...
  - (ii) it is fulfilled – in our Justification
- 2) Also: because it is on our heart, we love it + keep it: proof
- 3) The Law as our Rule of Life:
  - (i) Paul in Romans 7:14f
  - (ii) James 2:24

**APPLICATION**: This is NT Christianity

**CONCLUSION**

1. Are you striving to keep God's law perfectly
2. This is sanctification.

**PSALM****113: 1 – 9****119: 57 – 60****119: 164 – 168**