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## THE LAW OF CHRIST

The divine protocol plan is an integrated whole, just like the Mosaic Law but it has a different objective that is to glorify the victorious Christ to the maximum.

The protocol plan accompanies a different array of divine blessings for the believer. The protocol plan of God has a different thrust; greater responsibility placed upon each believer to think and apply Bible doctrine for himself in the privacy of his own priesthood.

Many principles found in the Mosaic Law also appear in the protocol plan. The only reason for this is that, both come from the same source, from God Himself. The character of God remains unchanged even as He makes dispensational changes in human history. God was perfect before He gave the Law to Moses, perfect during the tenure of the Law, and perfect when fulfilled and rescinded the Law in Christ.<sup>1</sup>

The succession of dispensations reveals His changeless essence to man and angels. God expressed His perfect Holiness to man in legal terms long before the Mosaic Law was existed, and He continues to provide ethical norms and spiritual instruction now that the Law has ceased to govern.

Before, during and after the time in which the Mosaic Law was in effect in Israel, other expressions of divine law functioned among Gentiles to whom the Mosaic Law never applied [Genesis 26:5, Exodus 19:5b, Romans 2:14-16].

In the Church age the operative divine law is not the Mosaic Law but the Law of Christ [1 Corinthians 9: 20-21].

The divine protocol plan is also called the Law of Christ or the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus [Romans 8:2]. Christ fulfilled the entire Mosaic Law in the power of the Holy Spirit in the prototype divine sphere. The Church Age believer obeys the new "law of Christ" by following His precedent; filled with the Holy Spirit in the operational spiritual sphere [Romans 8:2-4].

Since the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled and abrogated the Mosaic Law [Hebrews 8:13, 10:9], practices instituted for the nation of Israel are not included in the post salvation plan of God for the Church age believers. They do not contribute the Christian way of life.

The church does not offer animal sacrifices, observe holy days or the Sabbath, or maintain the Levitical priesthood, worship in the sacred building, offer tithes, or have minute details of civic life prescribed by spiritual ordinances.

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<sup>1</sup> See page 134

There is now a new, universal priesthood of all believers [1 Peter 2:9, Hebrews 7:12, 8:1], a greater emphasis on individual responsibility [Galatians 5:1], and a separation of church and state [Romans 13:1-7, Matthew 22:15-22].

The Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the Old Testament Law and taught His current followers to live apart from legalism. He proclaimed His ruling platform for the millennial kingdom and He revealed the plan of God for the Church.

Never was the Mosaic Law intended to be a means of salvation or a breeding ground for self-righteousness. The Law revealed the necessity for grace and the source of that grace, Jesus Christ Himself. Both the Law and the protocol plan reveal the plan of grace.