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THE VALUE OF MOSAIC LAW IN THE CHURCH AGE

Since the Mosaic Law belongs to the Word of God, therefore it has value for the Church Age. The Mosaic Law was subdivided into three Codexes:

- ◆ Codex I – Sanctioned the Protection of human life, liberty, property, privacy and divinely delegated authority. Unbelievers and believers alike of every dispensation can protect freedom by avoiding the destructive sins of mentioned in this Codex. This explains why every provision of the Decalogue, except Sabbath is also found in the Law of Christ.
- ◆ Codex II –Presented the purpose for which God gave man free will –to come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The ritual provisions of the Law still have value because they reveal the Messiah as the only Savior.
- ◆ Codex III –Contains instructions in many fields that especially pertinent to Israel. Most provisions of the Mosaic Law have no value in other nations but they testify to the faithfulness of God in guiding his people in specific events or circumstances that were often very difficult. Most of these provisions are neither reconfirmed nor clearly taught or excluded from Church Age practices but they reveal the character of God.

For example, the principle of capital punishment is given to the Church Age (Matthew 26:52, Romans 13:3-5), but its specific application in such cases of adultery, homosexuality, or juvenile rebellion is not reconfirmed (Leviticus 20:10, 13, 9).

God has given the Church Age believer general guidance concerning divine establishment, in contrast to the hundreds of exact and rigid Mosaic laws that precisely defined life in OT Israel. Their only option was to obey.

In the Church Age, God encourages the believer to think and apply the basic truths of divine establishment according to the legitimate processes of human government in his own nation. Because there is separation of church and state in the Church Age, every believer is free to think and act as a responsible person of his community and nation. God entrusts the application of divine establishment principles to each generation of the Church Age.

The Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the Mosaic Law; therefore, His Church is free from the Law (Galatians 5:1). The Christian freedom from the Mosaic Law is not lawlessness or lack of direction, but such freedom exists within the framework of God's protocol for the Church Age (John 15:10-12, Galatians 5:13, 1 Corinthians 9:19-21).

The Church Age believer lives under the new law introduced, announced, and executed in the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:2-4) inside divine power system. The perfect humanity of Christ grow and matured under this powerful system of divine assets and resources from the time of His physical birth until His death on the cross.

Church Age believers also have these extraordinary opportunities to advance spiritually, but only inside this divine sphere. The believers of the Church Age therefore are the epoch of spiritual freedom, which adapt the divine establishment principles to their own circumstances, life's objectives, and heritage of their nation.

A believer who wishes his nation to prosper can learn much from the Mosaic Law without inflexibly and blindly superimposing its provisions and rules not applicable to other nation. The Mosaic Law was divine regulations for OT Israel under the reign of God as their "political", "military" and spiritual Leader.