



## 2025 God's Love and Justice Lesson 13

### Love Is Fulfillment of the Law

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#### SABBATH

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What do you think of the title?

Have you ever had confusion between love and law?

How do you understand the relationship between law and love?

Do parents who love their children impose rules, that for the child are the law of the home, rules like bedtime, teeth brushing, no play until homework is done, no dessert before dinner, no playing in the street etc.?

If the child breaks these rules, and if the parent loves the child, what will the parent do?

Will the parent impose some penalty, some artificial punishment? And for what purpose? Is the punishment intended, in this context, simply as law-enforcement—you broke the rule and the law requires enforcement? Or is the punishment imposed in love as discipline, to teach?

So, it is not punishment as in punitive to exact vengeance for law breaking or inflict just and legal payments that the law demands, it is done to educate, to teach, to protect.

And why, if the parent loves the child, do they do this? What happens to the child if the parent does not do this? Does harm come to the child if the parent does not impose rules like teeth brushing, dietary rules, bedtimes, not playing in street? From where does the harm come if the parents' rules are not imposed and not enforced? From breaking of the design laws that life is built to operate upon.

And if a child does break one of the parents rules like no playing in the street, and the known imposed punishment for playing in the street is a spanking, but this time the child is hit by a car and has multiple broken bones, does the parent, in order to be lawful, in order to be just, get out their belt and beat the child? Why not? What about God—if we break His commandments, does law and justice require God to use His power to inflict punishment, or does transgression of God's laws cause the harm, the pain, the suffering, and ultimately the death unless healed by God?

If the child has been hit by a car after disobeying their parents' rule, what is the loving action for the parent to take if the child's own disobedience resulted in their getting hit by a car? What is the just and right action for the parent to take? Why is it both loving and also right and just for the parent to do everything to heal the damage and not seek to inflict punishment?

Is the parent legally allowed to do everything to heal and save their child if their child's injuries are from the child's disobedience? Does the law require someone to be punished in the child's place? While the loving parent would never think of getting out a belt and beating their child who has been hit by a car, does the law require that the father get a legal substitute, perhaps the injured child's brother, and spank that child in place of the injured child and only then, once the law has been satisfied is the father able to heal and save the child? What about God? Is God lawful in seeking to save and heal sinners or is He restricted in His ability to save and heal sinners until someone pays Him the legal penalty that the law requires?

And what if that injury resulted in the child having both kidneys destroyed and they are going to die of renal failure unless they receive a kidney transplant, what is the loving action for the parent to take? Donate a kidney! And what is the just and right action for the parent to take to save this child from the result of their own disobedience—donate a kidney, use power to kill them, or let them die from the result of their choice?

Is it lawful to donate the kidney? What law demands that a healthy kidney be supplied or else the child will die? And if the parent does do the right and just action of donating the kidney to save their child, could we say that the parent paid a high price to save their child? Was that a legal price?

In this entire scenario is love involved? Is law involved? And are there two types of law involved in this scenario, the design laws of love, of physics and health, but also the parents' imposed laws? Are the parents' imposed laws, in this scenario, evidences of love?

Does this given insight into God's love and law and God's use of law through the Bible?

Can you think of any Bible examples that don't fit with this or seem to be confusing?

What happens in people if they don't understand design law, if they don't understand the reason for God adding laws, like the Ten Commandments?

What happens to a child if they don't understand the reason the parent had rules in the home? If a child believes there is nothing wrong with not brushing and flossing except parents get mad and will punish? If that is what a person always believes and they never learn the truth about dental decay, what would happen as they grow up?

Will they come to appreciate, love, and trust their parents for protecting them from harm when the child was unable to protect themselves, or will they come to resent the parent as a control freak, come to distrust the parent as one who demands people do what they say or they will punish? Could they misconstrue love as conditional on their behavior; their acceptance based on their performance, and could this misunderstanding lead to rebellion and distancing themselves from their parents?

This is what happens when we teach God's laws are imposed laws that require God to use power to inflict punishment for sin. No, God uses power to heal and save people from what sin naturally does.

Sin naturally harms, injures, severs our connection with God, sears the conscience warps the character, hardens the heart, and results in death unless God uses power to hold at bay its consequence; God used His power—of truth and love—to intervene by sending His one and only Son to eliminate the infection of sin and restore humanity to health, to being right, to righteousness.

The Bible teaches God disciplines those He loves, not punishes. Like a loving parent, God will not let us destroy ourselves without first intervening in every possible way to teach us and lead us back to life. But, if in the end, we insist on going our own way, of rejecting truth, rejecting love, embracing fear, selfishness, and evil, God will eventually let us go, set us free to reap what we have chosen and the Bible says that those who sow to the carnal nature from that nature will reap destruction Galatians 6:8.

Any questions about love and law?

Can people be tricked into believing they are loving God by keeping the law when they are in reality acting against God, breaking God's law, and causing harm?

Any examples?

Consider the Pharisees in Christ's day—if they were asked, what is the greatest commandment, what would they have said? We have a story that at least one of them answered as follows:

- On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"  
He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"  
"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." Luke 10:25–28 NIV84.

So, some of the Pharisees understood that love to God is the greatest commandment, then why did they think that Jesus and the apostles were law-breakers when they healed on Sabbath, picked heads of grain on Sabbath, didn't wash their hands ceremonially before eating etc.?

Did they have confusion about God's law and how it functions? Did they think God's law is imposed and love is manifested by rule-keeping, and justice is inflicting punishment for rule-breaking?

What is God most concerned with, rule-keeping or heart motivation? Perfection in task performance or perfection in the heart's attitude of love and trust in Him?

Is disobedience about breaking a rule, instruction, commandment, directive given by God or about breaking trust with God?

Paul wrote in Romans 14:23:

- Everything that does not come from faith is sin. Romans 14:23 NIV84

Sin is not primarily about the behavior, the deed, it is primarily about the heart attitude, are we doing whatever we are doing because we are motivated by love and trust seeking to honor God and bring glory to Him, or are we doing whatever we are doing because we are motivated by fear, selfishness, pride, and are seeking to protect or advance self in some way?

If we believe sin is primarily deeds, breaking rules, because we believe God's law functions like human law, then we get tricked into believing our love is manifested in rule-keeping and rule-enforcement and people can engage in such religion without any change of heart, and end up behaviorally observing the right rules with unconverted hearts and then they end up warring against God while claiming they are on God's side.

Consider Jesus' response when His disciples were criticized for picking grain on the Sabbath, and our goal is to understand the relationship between love and law:

- One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"  
He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."  
Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:23-28 NIV84.

What did Jesus do here? Didn't He point out a contrast between heart motive and legally authorized behavior? It was not legally authorized behavior for David to take the showbread and give it to his men. But David is never reprimanded during his life by God for doing this; and in this text Jesus validates that David did not sin in disobeying the rules God gave through Moses. Why was David's action in disobeying rules given by God not sin?

What was the reason David did what he did? Was he trying to rebel against God, seek glory for self, take the place of the priests, create a new religious system, or was his motive to love God by loving and providing for his men by giving them the bread provided by God?

And within the context of the symbolic system of the Old Testament, what was symbolically acted out by David doing this? What do the loaves of showbread symbolically represent? Jesus—the bread of life, the manna that came down from heaven, the Word of God that was made flesh. And what happens when people internalize Jesus into their being? They receive life. So, it was not only done out of a motive to love, it was also in keeping with the lesson that whomever ingests Jesus into their being will be saved from death.

But Jesus uses this example in direct answer to how the disciples were behaving on Sabbath, so how does this lesson relate to the Sabbath and Sabbath keeping?

First question—is the Sabbath an imposed law, like parents’ rules for not playing in the street, or is it a design law of some kind? Does rejecting the Sabbath as holy cause a legal problem with God that He is required to enforce through inflicted punishments, or does desecrating the Sabbath cause direct injury to people in some way? And is the desecration of the Sabbath primarily from behavior, like pulling heads of grain, or from heart attitude?

Isaiah 58:13 tells us that to genuinely observe and keep the Sabbath one must delight in it. Can delight be achieved through external enforcement and rule-keeping? Parents can pressure and force children to eat spinach, can the parents force the children to enjoy and be delighted by eating spinach?

Who were the ones desecrating the Sabbath, Jesus and His apostles when they pulled heads of grain, or the Pharisees who were angry, resentful, jealous, bitter, and were plotting to murder Jesus on the Sabbath? But were the Pharisees doing forbidden work on Sabbath? Were they doing anything behavioral that was forbidden?

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath, what does that mean?

Do you understand the Sabbath to be an expression of God’s love—how?

What sets the Sabbath apart from the other days of the week? Are there a different number of hours in the day? Does time pass at a different rate on the Sabbath? Does the sun shine differently on the Sabbath? Do any of the laws of health or physics operate differently on the Sabbath? Does God have more love in His heart on the Sabbath? What makes the Sabbath different from the other six days of the week?

How did the Sabbath become set apart from the other days of the week? It is the day when God stopped using power, when God rested. Why is that significant?

How are imposed laws maintained and upheld? Through the use of external power inflicting punishments—that is the use of Newtonian physics. Can the use of external power to inflict punishment cause people to love and trust? In fact, what happens when external force is used to coerce someone to go along with something they don’t want to do? Rebellion, resentment, destruction of love.

The Sabbath is set apart from the other days because it is the day when God **stopped** using power. He had just created a sinless world in absolute perfection, with immeasurable amounts of might and power, but then God rested, God stopped using power—in the middle of Satan’s rebellion and war. God did not use power to force Satan to bend the knee. He did not use power to intimidate, to enforce His rule, or force His way, or punish sin. He left all His intelligent beings free—why? Because God’s kingdom of the kingdom of truth and love that govern the internal operations of hearts and minds—and truth and love cannot be forced through external means, through Newtonian physics, truth and

love must be chosen by the intelligent being and can only be experienced through trust, through connecting one's inmost being with God through the quantum strings, the invisible chords through which God's Spirit works on the inner man. Thus each week every person can choose to trust God, rest in His goodness, choose to celebrate the methods and principles of God—love, truth, freedom, of which the existence of the Sabbath proves, or one can choose to stay focused on self, self-advancement, pleasure, fear, and this focus gets wired into the substructure of the brain and we may keep the day ritualistically, like the Pharisees, but the heart is not changed. Might and power cannot change hearts, only truth and love.

Remember Elijah after the great display of physical might and power at Mt. Carmel—Newtonian physics, and all the people said, The Lord He is God! But what happened with the people thereafter? Were they loyal and faithful? No, they went back into rebellion and pagan worship. Because might and power, Newtonian physics, cannot change the heart and mind and heal a sinner from sin.

And after that great victory, Elijah runs away discouraged and ends up in a cave where there is a great wind—Newtonian physics, but God is not in the wind, and a great earthquake—Newtonian physics, but God is not in the earthquake, and a great fire—Newtonian physics, but God is not in the fire, and then there is the sound of the still small voice—quantum physics, the quantum strings that interact with our quantum energy, our spirits, and that is where God is. That is the Spirit of truth and love working on our inner being to lead us to choose the truth, to choose to trust, and when Elijah finally experienced this—he was translated into heaven without seeing death.

The final movements on Earth before Christ returns will lead us through a similar experience.

The final message goes forward as Malachi prophesied, the prophet Elijah comes again, the Elijah message that God is not like Baal, not an imperial dictator god whose law is imposed and who requires legal payment, but God is the Creator who made the heavens, earth, sea, and fountains of water. We are called to stop worshiping God as a dictator and return to worshiping Him as Creator, which means we reject the imposed law lies and embrace God's laws as design laws.

We will see the second beast of Revelation 13, the one who speaks like a dragon while pretending to be the Lamb of God, call fire down from heaven, the use of Newtonian physics, might and power. But we will know that God cannot win by might and power; that the true power of God is what Paul wrote about, the gospel is the power of God, the good news about God's character and government that wins to trust and reconnects us with the Spirit of God. And this is all embodied in the Sabbath, built into time as a gift to humanity, the day when God rested, when God ceased using physical might and power.

And all true Sabbath keepers will embrace the truth, the evidence, the love, the gospel power that the Sabbath is a sign of—God's divine living law of truth, love, and freedom and they will Remember the Sabbath, Remember God rested and God did not force Satan and his angels to bow, did not use physical might and power to force His way, and they will Remember that at the Cross Jesus did not use physical power to stop the injustice being inflicted through the imposed laws of this world, but left His tormentors free to kill Him, and we will likewise live out God's living law of love, truth, and

freedom and refuse to side with the end time system of imposed law that seeks to do justice through law and law enforcement.

Do you see a relationship between love and God's design law and the gift of the Sabbath built into the fabric of time itself?

## **SUNDAY**

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The title is The Law of Love, how would you explain that to people?

The law of love is not a rule, it is a design protocol that life is built to operate upon, it is functional, and it is only fully understood in living beings and living systems. God's law cannot be fully understood on stone.

The Bible tells us that love is not self-seeking, if it doesn't seek self, what does it seek? Others, love is giving, beneficent, outward moving.

And the Bible tells us that God is love and that God's divine nature is seen in what He has made, Romans 1:20. Thus, God who is the Creator, who is love, when He built reality built it to operate upon the living law of love. It is the law of life.

- The water cycle
- The pollination cycle
- The breathing cycle
- The food digestion fertilization cycle
- The object lesson of the sacrificial system

Every living system in order to live must give, break the circle of love, the circle of giving and death is the natural result.

What do you make of this commentary about God's law and character:

- **God requires perfection** of His children. **His law is a transcript of His own character, and it is the standard of all character.** This infinite standard is presented to all that there may be no mistake in regard to the kind of people whom God will have to compose His kingdom. The life of Christ on earth was a perfect expression of God's law, and **when those who claim to be children of God become Christlike in character, they will be obedient to God's commandments.** Then the Lord can trust them to be of the number who shall compose the family of heaven. Clothed in the glorious apparel of Christ's righteousness, they have a place at the King's feast. *Christ's Object Lessons* p. 315, emphasis mine.

What does it mean? First question, what does it mean that the law is a transcript of God's character? What law is referenced? The Ten Commandments; the first four are description of our

relationship/love to God and the last six are our relationship/love to people. So, the two great commandments, love God with all one's heart, mind, soul, strength and neighbor as self are contained in these ten.

But is a transcript of something the totality, the fullness, the fulfillment? Or is a transcript an educational tool, something useful to enlighten, teach, and guide, but it is not the fulfillment, in fact, it leaves a lot out?

Consider, many people today have had their DNA sequenced, gene site testing. And with that testing we could get a printout of their DNA sequence, which is unique to every individual. That DNA sequence is a transcript of that person, and from it we could learn things about them, like their eye color, sex, blood type, hair color, various liver metabolism pathways and so much more. But, by studying that transcript of their DNA do we know the sound of their laugh, the joy of their smile, the trust of their friendship, the kindness of their compassion, the loyalty of their commitment, the strength of their bond, the quality of their character? Do we actually know them?

Yes, the Ten Commandments are a transcript of God's character of love, but it is so inadequate to reveal God to us. And just like you cannot know a person by studying their DNA sequence, people can never know God and experience eternal life (which is knowing God John 17:3) by studying the Ten Commandments. That is why we must look to Jesus, who is the living Word of God, God's love, truth, law, lived out in human form. It is in Jesus that we know God; it is in Jesus that we know God's law; it is in Jesus that we know God's character, truth, love, and justice—because God's law is not imposed rules, **God's law is a living law that can only be understood when operational in a living being.** And this is what we were created to be, living repositories of God's living law of love, the place where God Himself dwells by His Spirit.

## MONDAY

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The lesson title is taken from Romans 7 and the lesson references Romans 7 about the law being holy and righteous and good and explores the point Paul is trying to make between law, justice, justification, and daily struggles.

Many people get confused when, after they have given their heart to Jesus, they sometimes find themselves slipping up into pre-converted behaviors out of harmony with God's design laws of truth, love, and freedom. This often brings fear, guilt, shame, doubt.

What is happening is that a person can choose to respond to the Holy Spirit of truth and love in a moment. They can choose to respond to the truth, the evidence, the conviction of the Holy Spirit and surrender self to Jesus in a moment. When that choice is made the tubulin substructure of the microtubules of the neurons experience a conformation change and their quantum harmonic comes into closer alignment with the Holy Spirit and they are more sensitive to the Holy Spirit, their sense of self, their identity, their preference, their desires, longings, motivational energy—their spirits/quantum energy has been changed from fear and selfishness to love and trust. This is conversion, this is



justification, setting a sick distrusting heart/spirit right with God, changing a heart from distrust to trust. And every person who has been converted has experienced that internal peace, joy, presence, renewal of God's spirit within.

That can happen in a moment, but that substructure change, that occurs through trust, does not change the neural wiring of the patterns of behavior, the habits, the biases, conditioned responses, reflexive actions that have been practiced throughout life prior to one's conversion. Therefore, despite having a heart that now aligns with Jesus, now wants to live in harmony with God, that spirit, that heart, that individual reborn in Christ is still operating upon a brain that has wired in patterns that are not healthy. And it takes time to unlearn and relearn, to break old habits and learn new ones, and that is a daily walk with Jesus in faith. Daily we die to self, daily we surrender to our Lord and Savior, daily we choose the new healthy way and say no to the old way, and when we do we daily receive divine power through our quantum connection to God to succeed and over time our brains rewire and we are matured. This is Romans 7.

Let's read a section from Romans 7 from The Remedy:

- Therefore, your selfish, fear-ridden heart died when you accepted the truth revealed by Christ's death, and you received a new heart from him who was raised from the dead, in order that you might grow in character—to be like Jesus—and live to honor God. For when we were controlled by the infection of fear and selfishness — which resulted from distrust — the destructive passions revealed by the law were ravaging our bodies, we were terminally ill and spreading death wherever we went. But now, as we die to the distrust, fear and selfishness that once bound us, the law no longer diagnoses us as infected and terminal. In fact, the law now confirms that we have a new heart—not by observing rules, but created within by the Spirit. We are now healthy and loving like Jesus.

What shall we say then? Is the law evil and selfish because it increases the amount of evil and selfishness we see? Absolutely not! I would not have known what evil and selfishness looked like if it wasn't for the diagnostic efficacy of the law. I would not have realized that coveting was evil and selfish if the law didn't say, "Don't covet." But selfishness, taking advantage of the fact that the law is only a diagnostic instrument—and not a Remedy—magnified every covetous desire within me. For apart from the diagnostic ability of the law, sin is unrecognizable. Once I thought I was healthy and free from the infection of distrust, fear and selfishness, but then the commandment examined me, exposed how utterly infected I was, and diagnosed me as terminal. I discovered that the very commandment given only to diagnose my condition I had unwittingly attempted to use as a cure, and thus my condition only worsened. For selfishness, taking advantage of the fact that the commandment could only diagnose and not cure, deceived me into thinking that I could be cured by working to keep the commandments; but instead, my terminal state only worsened. So understand this: The law diagnoses perfectly, and the commandment is the standard of what is right and good, set apart by God to reveal what is evil and destructive.

Did the law, which did good by diagnosing what was wrong with me, become the source of my terminal condition? Of course not! It only exposed what was already in me, so that I could recognize how totally decayed, putrid and near death I was, and so that through the lens of the commandment I might become utterly disgusted with evil and selfishness, and long for a cure.

We know that the law is consistent, reliable and reasonable; but I am inconsistent, unreliable and unreasonable, because the infection of distrust, fear and selfishness has warped my mind and damaged my thinking. I am frustrated with what I do! For having been restored to trust, I want to do what is in harmony with God and his methods and principles; but I find that even though I trust God, my old habits, conditioned responses, preconceived ideas and other remnants of the devastation caused by distrust and selfishness are not yet fully removed. And if I find an old habit causing me to behave in ways that I now find detestable, I affirm that the law is a very helpful tool revealing residual damage in need of healing. What is happening is this: I have come to trust God, and I desire to do his will, but old habits and conditioned responses — which present almost reflexively in certain situations — have not yet been totally eliminated and thus cause me to do things I do not want to do. Romans 3:4-17 REM.

Read the first paragraph,

- Love is the foundation of God's law. When God upholds the law, He upholds love. This is why Jesus died in order to save sinners, so that He could uphold the law while also extending grace to us. Thus, He could be both just and the justifier of those who believe (Rom. 3:25, 26). What an expression of love! Accordingly, the law is not invalidated by the process of redemption; rather, it is further confirmed. *Adult SS Guide 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2025*, God's Love and Justice p. 102.

Could one understand this paragraph completely differently depending on whether they believe that God's law is imposed or design law? What would be the difference?

What does it mean for God to uphold His law? Why is upholding God's law the same as upholding love? Because love is the law, it is the protocol to life.

Why did Jesus have to die in order to save sinners and how is that related to love, law, and justice?

Doesn't the answer to this all hinge on how we understand God's law functions?

The lesson references Romans 3:25,26 let's read it from a several versions:

- God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Romans 3:25,26 NIV84

What does this version communicate to you? How do you hear it?

What about this version

- God offered him, so that by his blood he should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in him. God did this in order to demonstrate that he is righteous. In the past he was patient and overlooked people's sins; but in the present time he deals with their sins, in order to demonstrate his righteousness. In this way God shows that he himself is righteous and that he puts right everyone who believes in Jesus. Romans 3:25,26 GNT

Do you hear this version differently? What is different?

What about this one?

- God publicly displayed him at his death as the mercy seat accessible through faith. This was to demonstrate his righteousness, because God in his forbearance had passed over the sins previously committed. This was also to demonstrate his righteousness in the present time, so that he would be just and the justifier of the one who lives because of Jesus' faithfulness. Romans 3:25,26 NET

What do hear in this version—is it different from the two previous?

And then from The Remedy:

- God presented Jesus as the way and the means of restoration. Now, through the trust established by the evidence of God's character revealed when Christ died, we may partake of the Remedy procured by Christ. God did this to demonstrate that he is right and good — because in his forbearance he suspended, for a time, the ultimate consequence of us being out of harmony with his design for life — yet he has been falsely accused of being unfair. He did it to demonstrate at the present time how right and good he is, so that he would also be seen as being right when he heals those who trust in Jesus. Romans 3:25, 26 REM

## **TUESDAY**

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Law and Grace—what is the relationship between law and grace?

What is grace?

Grace, in the context of sin, is the work of God for salvation; it is God's actions to remove sin and save sinners. Thus the giving of the written law is a manifestation of grace, given to diagnose and protect, and lead us back to Jesus for healing and restoration.

Everything God has done and is doing is a manifestation of grace, of His work to save sinners from sin and eliminate sin from the universe.

- Creating the Sabbath in Eden was a manifestation of grace
- The promised Messiah in Genesis 3:15 was grace
- Removing Adam and Eve from the garden was grace
- The Flood was grace
- The first death, sleep death, was the outworking of grace; it is how God leaves the sins committed beforehand unpunished as Romans 3:25,26 says
- The thundering at Sinai was grace
- The written law and ceremonial system were grace
- The Babylonian captivity was grace
- The 66 books of the Bible are grace
- Jesus is grace
- The Holy Spirit is grace

God's grace is the work of God to save, and everything God has done and is doing is for the elimination of sin and the saving of sinners—it is all grace!

The bottom green section asks, “What is your hope in the judgment?”

Of course, our hope is Jesus, no question about that. But how is Jesus our hope?

Is it that in the judgment we have hope that Jesus will stand up and plead to His Father in our behalf and through His pleadings and the offering to the Father His blood He convinces the Father to pronounce pardon upon us?

Is our hope in the judgment that the Father will not look at us, but will look at His Son and judge His Son as perfect and then declare that we are legally righteous because we have claimed Jesus as our legal substitute?

Is our hope in the judgment that all our sins have been erased out of the God's record books so when the records are opened there is nothing there for the Father to judge against us?

Or is our hope in the judgment that we have been reborn, renewed, recreated, died to the old life and become alive to the new life in Jesus such that it is no longer I that live but Christ lives in me, that we are partakers of the divine nature and we are healed and sealed so that when the Father examines us He finds us right with Him, He finds His law operating within us, He finds the righteousness of Jesus alive and functioning inside of us, He finds we are bearing His image in character and thus are His true children and thus He diagnosis us as healed?

Consider this commentary,

- This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us... By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's

commandments. **When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us** He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah. *Christ's Object Lessons* 311, emphasis mine.

What is your hope in the judgment? To be one with God and Jesus, to be healed, to be reborn, to have Jesus living within!

## WEDNESDAY

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Read first paragraph,

- The relationship between love and law cannot be overstated. Indeed, according to Scripture, to love is to fulfill the law. *Adult SS Guide 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2025*, God's Love and Justice p. 104.

This is only true when we understand God's law as design law. Satan advances his war against God through infecting the minds of people with the lie that God's law is imposed and therefore love and justice is through properly inflicted punishments, which leads to injustice, and distrust of God, the destruction of love and rebellion. This is the history of the Christian church after it Romanized and accepted the idea that God's law functions like human law, look at what the church did in the name of God who they claim is a being of love.

And no branch of Christianity has freed itself from this infection, the entire world is drunk on this intoxicating wine, this delusional driving falsehood, and the final message to the world is a call to return to Creator worship which requires we reject the imposed law lie and understand all of God's laws are design laws.

## THURSDAY

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The lesson focuses on love operating in community.

If one loves as God loves can this be done by set rules or will the specific actions love takes change based on the situation?

In a family, if parents love all their children with the most perfect godly love, will they treat them the same or differently?

If one child has leukemia but the others do not, will all the children be treated the same or differently if the parents act in love?

Why will the child with leukemia be restricted from many activities and also be subjected to painful procedures?

Well, what if it isn't leukemia but differences in temperament, attitude, mindset?

What about things like Sabbath-keeping, if we live God's law fully in community will we always avoid work on the Sabbath, or will we sometimes to work on the Sabbath?

If there is a natural disaster, like the hurricane and flooding that came through the southeast last year, if we live God's love and people are stranded in Sabbath, do we wait until after Sabbath to rescue them? Or do we work to save them on Sabbath?

Can we love others by rule-keeping, or can rule-keeping lead us to do what is right by the rules but is actually wrong by God's character and design laws of love? Didn't the Jews in Christ day do this all the time?

Where are we vulnerable to do this today?

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