

THE LAW AND THE SPIRIT

LEARNING TO WALK IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

- WHAT IS PENTECOST? IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IT IS A FEAST 50 (PENTE) DAYS AFTER PASSOVER.**
- JEWS CELEBRATE THE GIVING OF THE LAW ON MT. SINAI ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. EX.19,20**
- ACTS 2 TELLS US IT IS THE DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO INDWELL AND EMPOWER BELIEVERS**
- THIS MORNING WE WANT TO SEE WHY THE SPIRIT IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE LAW**

THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- 1. GOD GAVE THE LAW TO PRESERVE SOCIAL ORDER.
PS.119:105 – YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A
LIGHT TO MY PATH.**
- 2. TO SHOW THE HOLINESS OF GOD. LEV.19:2 – BE HOLY
FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD AM HOLY**
- 3. TO SHOW THE SINFULNESS OF MAN – GAL.2:16 – WE
KNOW THAT A PERSON IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS
OF THE LAW BUT THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS**

THE PROBLEMS WITH THE LAW

- A. ALL THE LAW CAN DO IS EITHER PROMOTE SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS OR GUILT. IT CANNOT SAVE. GAL.2:16;
- B. THE LAW IS **SELF-EFFORT** IN ATTAINING THE PROMISE OF GOD COMPARED TO **TRUSTING** GOD. GAL.4:22-26
- C. THE OT LAW WAS A PHYSICAL IMAGE OF WHAT NEEDED TO HAPPEN SPIRITUALLY. HEB.10:1-4
- D. SALVATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN BY FAITH, INCLUDING THE OT, AS SEEN IN ABRAHAM AND DAVID – ROM.4:1-8

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

- A. THE SPIRIT IS SALVATION BY FAITH IN JESUS. EPH.2:1-10**
- B. THROUGH FAITH IN THE PROMISE, THE SPIRIT IS ABLE TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW - ROM.3:21-26**
- C. WE CANNOT KEEP THE LAW BECAUSE OUR HEARTS ARE BENT TO EVIL, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE!**
MK.7:21-23; EZK.36:22-27; JH.7:38,39
- D. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S DOWN PAYMENT ON OUR PHYSICAL REDEMPTION – EPH.1:13-14**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

- 1. BECAUSE OUR PHYSICAL BODIES ARE CORRUPTED BY SIN, THEY WILL PERISH ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE PHYSICAL CREATION. 2PET.3:7,10-13**
- 2. THE LAW REQUIRED SACRIFICE TO BE MADE REPEATEDLY TO COVER SIN. CHRIST DIED ONCE, TO ETERNALLY PUT AWAY OUR SIN AND MAKE US RIGHTEOUS IN THE EYES OF THE FATHER - HEB.9:24-28**
- 3. OUR SOULS ARE ETERNAL BUT THEY WERE DEAD IN SIN. THE MOMENT WE BELIEVED THE PROMISE, THE SPIRIT CAME TO LIVE IN US MADE US ALIVE TO GOD. EPH.1:13,14**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

- 4. THE LAW IS RELIGION. THE SPIRIT IS RELATIONSHIP. LAW IS ABOUT DOING THE DEEDS. THE SPIRIT IS ABOUT ENJOYING GOD. PS.16:11; ROM.6:20-23**
- 5. TO ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT, WE MUST “DIE” TO SELF AND BE “ALIVE” TO GOD IN JESUS. ROM.6:5-14**
- 6. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE IN CHRIST BY THE SPIRIT, THERE IS LIFE – ROM.8:1,10-11**