

## Lecture 9 – The Universal Norms of Love (Part I)

*“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery....” Exodus 20:2ff. (NIV)*

*“Do I say this merely from a human point of view? Doesn’t the Law say the same thing? For it is written in the Law of Moses: ‘Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.’ Is it about oxen that God is concerned? Surely he says this for us, doesn’t he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest.” I Corinthians 9:8-10 (NIV)*

### Key Terms

Law, witness of the Holy Spirit, Ten Commandments, holiness, law & Christ

### Objectives

- \*Identify ways in which the place and role of the Mosaic law has changed with the coming of Christ.
- \*Biblically identify the extent of the law in contemporary society.

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### I. The Law

The law gives outward form to ...

Humanist alternative

#### A. The Ten Commandments

1. Definition
2. Setting in history
3. Distinctiveness – as special revelation
  - a. Spoken by God directly
  - b. Inscribed by God
4. Comprehensiveness
  - a. Deuteronomy 5:22
5. How the Ten Commandments function in the canon of Scripture
  - a. Ten Commandments and Leviticus 19
    - 1) No other gods...Lev. 19:4
    - 2) No graven images...Lev. 19:4
    - 3) The name of God...Lev. 19:12
    - 4) The Sabbath day...Lev. 19:3, 30
    - 5) Honoring father & mother...Lev. 19:3
    - 6) No killing...Lev. 19:16
    - 7) No adultery...Lev. 19:29
    - 8) No stealing...Lev. 19:11, 13
    - 9) No false witnessing...Lev. 19:11, 16
    - 10) No coveting...Lev. 19:17, 18
  - b. Hosea 4:1-2
  - c. Jeremiah 7:1-11
  - d. Matthew 5:17-48 – Sermon on the Mount
 

Christ fulfilled the ethical precepts of the Old Testament in a two-fold way:

    - 1) Declared their full import
    - 2) Obeyed them in full
  - e. Matthew 15:19

- f. I Timothy 1:8-11
- g. Ephesians 6:1-4
- h. Romans 13:8-10