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Part 6: *The Law Of Christ*

INTRODUCTION – Reading The Torah Right

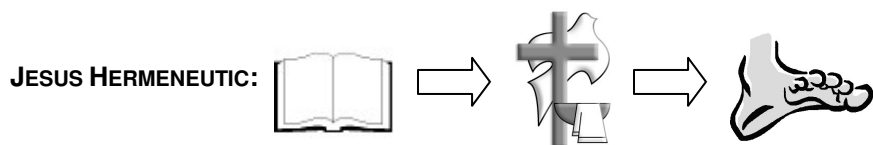
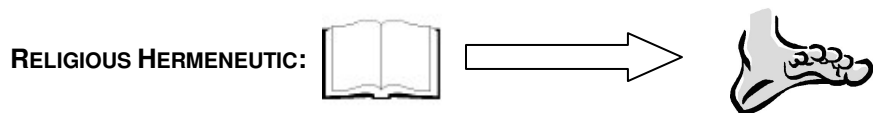
The Old & New Covenants are:

- a) _____ sources of truth.
- b) _____ sources of salvation and/or identity.

Leviticus 19:17-19
Matthew 5; 12:1-8

RELIGIOUS HERMENEUTIC = “_____ every precept. Do what it says!”

JESUS HERMENEUTIC = “Don’t just do what it says – do what it _____.”



TAKE OUT: Always practice the _____ within the precept.

Cracking Open The Text

Galatians 6

- The Christian response to moral failure is not _____, but _____.

THE PARADOX OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY...

- Christ-followers should be mutually _____, but personally _____.

TAKE OUT: Come to church to be a _____, not a _____.

PAUL'S PERSONAL SUMMARY (vv. 11-18)...

- Religionists are motivated by _____ and by _____.
- The cross is the hinge of _____ and the fulcrum of our _____.
- As far as God is concerned, the era of religious _____ has ended.
- All that matters is being part of God's new _____.
- In Christ, like Abraham, all *believers* are God's _____ people.

CONCLUSION – Getting Right For Relationship

Romans 3:20-24

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged you.
2. Discuss the implications of this quote by Richard B. Hays, New Testament Professor, Duke University: *Those who charge that without the Law Christians will be left undisciplined and confused do not know the power of the Spirit.*

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Try applying the Jesus Hermeneutic to a portion of Torah. Read **Leviticus 19:9-19**. a) What is the lasting principle(s) in **verses 9-10**? How can we practice this today? b) Answer the same two questions for the rest of the passage – within each teaching, what is the enduring principle and how might we practice that principle today?
4. Read again **Galatians 6**. a) How can/does your Home Church practice **verse 2**? b) To what extent do you personally participate in living out the teaching of **verse 2** in your Christian life? c) Financial support is a touchy subject. How can Christians (e.g., The Meeting House) encourage accountability among brothers and sisters for practicing the principle of **verse 6** when we live in a culture like ours that doesn't appreciate talking openly about personal financial practices? (If you come up with any good ideas, please let Tim know!) d) How are the principles in **verses 8-9** similar to and different to the Hindu concept of Karma? (C'mon! Stretch those brain muscles!)

SO WHAT?...

5. Take a few minutes to quietly meditate on **Galatians 6:14**, then share what insights come to mind – what lessons does God want to teach you regarding your life from this portion of Scripture? Pray for each other concerning the insights you share.

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