

THE FORGOTTEN COMMANDMENTS: God's Law

It's important for us to understand the three categories of the Mosaic Law:

- Civil Law
- Ceremonial Law
- Moral Law

(Matthew 5:17-18) "Don't assume that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For I assure you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all things are accomplished."

1. The Civil Law

- A. This Civil Law is all the law that applies to governing God's People.
 - a. Democracy – people are governed by elected leaders.
 - b. Aristocracy – people are governed by an elite few.
 - c. Monocracy – people are governed by a king.
 - d. Theocracy – people are governed by GOD.
- B. Israel rejected God's theocracy, and embraced man's monocracy.
- C. God's Civil Law belonged to a theocracy that no longer existed.

2. The Ceremonial Law

- A. The Ceremonial Law is all the law that applies to mediation with God.
- B. All the Ceremonial Law points to Jesus.
- C. When Jesus came there was no longer any need for the Ceremonial Law.

(Colossians 2:16-17) Don't let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of what was to come; the substance is the Messiah.

3. The Moral Law

- A. The Moral Law is all the law that applies to righteousness before God.
- B. Only God's Moral Law is binding on us today.
- C. God's Moral Law revolves around the Ten Commandments.
- D. We can't even keep God's Moral Law.