

BACK TO SOME BASICS:

- THE FUNCTION OF THE LAW IN CHRISTIAN BELIEF.

1. A DISPUTED QUESTION: Are we saved by faith or works?

Romans 1:16-17

Galatians 5:4

Ephesians 2:8-9

But Compare: Romans 5:19, 6:15-18.

The question is not, 'Should we serve?' but 'Whom should we serve?'

2. OBEDIENCE TO THE TEACHING

We evangelical Christians usually think of obeying Jesus, but we can only do this when we obey His teaching.

This means that we must trust the Bible.

Hebrews 8:10

3. OBEDIENCE TO THE TEACHER

The danger – and the accusation – of legalism.

Three aspects of genuine obedience:

3.1. Love John 14:15

3.2. Faith Romans 1:5, 16:26

3.3. Experience Hebrews 5:8 (cf. Romans 5:3-5)

4. THE THREE APPLICATIONS OF THE LAW

4.1. Communal (elders, parents, husbands, rulers)

4.2. Evangelistic Galatians 3:23-24

4.3. Sanctification Psalm 119:11
