**Preaching the Old Testament Law Today**

1. **Categories of Old Testament Laws**

Deut 6:20 – “When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What *is the meaning of* the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?’”

* 1. Moral Laws
  2. Civil Laws
  3. Ceremonial Laws

1. **Principles of Old Testament Laws**
   1. The Law was given to a ­­­Particular People
   2. Who were ­­­already redeemed
   3. And it Demonstrated His expectations for those who wanted to be in right relationship with Him
2. **What Do we Mean by Law?**

Words for “Law” in Ps. 119:

* TESTIMONIES (עֵדוּת)
* WAY (דֶּרֶךְ)
* PRECEPTS (פִּקּוּד)
* COMMANDMENTS (מִצְוָה)
* WORD (אִמְרָה)
* LAW (תּוֹרָה)
* JUDGMENT (מִשְׁפָּט)
* STATUTE (חֹק)
* WORD, WORDS (דָּבָר)

1. **Aspects of Old Testament Law**
   1. **Regulatory**

* **Deut 6:17 *– “***You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.”
* **Gal. 3:19** – “The law was added … ***until*** the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.”
* **Gal 3:23** - Before faith came, we were held in custody under law, ***confined for the faith that was to be revealed.***
  1. **Revelatory**
     + **Gal 3:24** – “The law has become a tutor to lead us to Christ”
     + **Rom 10:4** – “For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”
     + **Matt 5:17-18** – “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”
  2. **Reformatory**
* **Deut 6:6** – “So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’”
* **Ps. 19:7** - The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
* **Rom 15:4** – For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1. **Steps in Principlization**
   1. **Identify what the particular law meant in its context**
   2. **Identify what issue was intended to be addressed by the Law**
   3. **Determine whether that law still in effect under the New Covenant in Christ**
   4. **If the law is no longer in effect in the New Covenant, are there related universal principles that proceed from the law?**
   5. **Apply the law or the universal principles today**