

These Perilous Times
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What do God's People Believe?
Part XIX

We are now living in some very evil times. Heinous crimes are everyday occurrences! Evil men and women have become so calloused that the taking of human life doesn't raise an eyebrow or elicit any emotions of the seriousness of their crimes!

The laws of the land were put in place to protect citizens from such atrocities.

God of heaven in His infinite love for the human race also has a law in place which transcends His Divine Character, to shield His people from the evils of sin! When His law is written on the lintels of our heart we enter into a covenant relationship with Him. ¹

What does this mean for us?

¹ Hebrews 8:10; 10:16

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

My good friends, God's Word states that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death! ² But praise be to God who sent His Son to atone for our transgressions!

However, our Heavenly Father wants us to keep his Law, that in so doing we will please Him as obedient children obey, and please their parents.

Please do not confuse the keeping of God's *Perfect Law of Liberty* ³ with Legalism. According to God's servant David, "**The Law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul...**"⁴ We are imperfect, not God's law [Emphasis supplied].

There are many "loving Christians" who respect and honor God's commandments, not to be saved, but because our Lord asks His remnant people to do so {See John 14:15; I John 2:1-5; 5:2, 3; Rev. 12:17; 14:12}.

² Romans 3:21; 6:23

³ James 1:21-25; 2:7-12

⁴ Psalms 19:7

The Bible also states that by the works of the law shall no man be justified. ⁵ However, this doesn't contradict the keeping of God's law. Satan well knows that God's law converts and transforms the heart, and by not keeping God's law, many souls will be lost! So he re-doubles his efforts to make it of non-effect among God's professed people.

Seventh-day Adventists Believe...

19. The Law of God

"The great principles of God's law are embodied in the Ten Commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ.

They express God's love, will, and purposes concerning human conduct and relationships and are binding upon all people in every age.

These precepts are the basis of God's covenant with His people and the standard in God's judgment. **Through the agency of the Holy Spirit they point out sin and awaken a sense of need for a Saviour.**

Salvation is all of grace and not of works, but its fruitage is obedience to the Commandments. This

⁵ Galatians 2:16

obedience develops Christian character and results in a sense of well-being.

It is an evidence of our love for the Lord and our concern for our fellow men. The obedience of faith demonstrates the power of Christ to transform lives and therefore strengthens Christian witness,⁶ {Emphasis supplied}, Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 40:7, 8; Matt. 22:36-40; Deut. 28:1-14; Matt. 5:17-20; Heb. 8:8-10; John 15:7-10; Eph. 2:8-10; I John 5:3; Rom. 8:3, 4; Ps. 19:7-14.



⁶ Seventh-day Adventists Believe, "A Biblical Exposition of Fundamental Beliefs," 2005, pp. 263-279.