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THE LAW OF CHRIST Vs HUMAN POLICY

1. **"The Law of Christ" Defined** This exact phrase is used 1X in the KJV. (Gal 6:2) "*And so _____ the ____ of _____.*" Obviously it exists and can be kept. It is called: (Jas 1:25) "*The _____ law of _____.*" It contains God's *complete* (ie: perfect) will in Christ Jesus and is a law based on conscience and (2 Cor 3:6) "*not of the _____.*" It is (Jas 2:8) "*the _____ law.*" It is "royal" because Jesus rules as king over his kingdom (the NT Church). (Rom 8:2) "*The law of the _____ of _____ in Christ Jesus.*" Only the blood of Jesus can assure immortal life. The law of Christ may be thought of as the gospel of Christ for they are one and the same.
2. **The Purpose of Law** (1 Tim 1:9) "*The law is _____ for a _____ man, but for the _____ and disobedient.*" This illustrates the necessity for law. The Law of Moses served a purpose: (Gal 3:19) "*Wherefore then _____ the law? It was added because of _____, till the _____ to whom the _____ was _____.*" Who is "the seed" (V16)? _____ (Jas 1:21) "*The _____ word*" (ie: Christ's law), when obeyed, "*is able to _____ your _____.*" Law provides direction and promises benefits.
3. **What Do We Mean By "Policy?"** Answer: Local policies adopted by Christians. *Policy* is prudence in managing affairs; a plan embracing goals and procedures. The word *policy* is used only 1X in the KJV. Scripture? _____ Policy is whatever an individual, or collective group, may decide as a course for present and future action and may be good or bad. EX: It may be one's policy to never eat after 6 PM; the local church's policy to meet at 5 PM. Policies have either sound or questionable conditions.
4. **How Important Is Christ's Law?** (2 Jn 9) "*Whosoever _____, and abideth _____ in the doctrine of Christ, _____.*" The matter isn't arbitral. One can't argue with God. (Rom 8:9) "*Now if _____ have not the _____ of _____, he is none of his.*" The law of Christ is supreme. Jesus said: (Mt 28:18) "*All _____ is given _____ in heaven and in earth.*"
5. **Is Policy Essential?** Yes! Man couldn't function without policies. That is what Paul meant when he said "*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*" Scripture? _____
6. **Does The Law Of Christ Deal Specifically With Everything?** No! Much is left to our spiritually enlightened discretion. The primary question: Can I do it in faith? If I can't, or am doubtful, there is a guiding rule: (Rom 14:23) "*For whatsoever is not of _____ is _____.*" Earlier (V20), Paul said "*_____ indeed are _____.*" He cautions that (V21) "*it is _____ neither to _____ flesh, nor to _____ wine, nor _____ whereby thy brother _____, or is _____, or is made _____.*" The Christian must be discreet in his policies when no absolute law is given.
7. **Is Anything Bad In And Of Itself?** No! God made everything! He is (Jas 1:17) the giver of "*every _____ gift and every _____*" and (1 Tim 4:4) "*every _____ of God is good, and nothing _____, if it be received with thanksgiving.*" Man corrupts, not God.

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