

The perfect law that gives freedom

James 1:22-25

What God's law does *not* do

The law cannot _____ anyone.
Galatians 2:15-16; Romans 8:3, 4

Four purposes for God's law

The law makes us _____ of our sin.
Romans 3:20

The law shows we need a _____.
Galatians 3:23-25

The law gives us a _____ for a good life.
James 1:22-25

The law is a sign of our _____.
1 John 5:1-5

What the law means for Christians

Jesus came to _____ the law.
Matthew 5:17-20

“Fulfill” may mean to _____.

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The law should be _____ on our _____.
Jeremiah 31:33

We should prefer the _____ to the _____.
2 Corinthians 3:6

Home Bible Study

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Getting started

1. As a child, how did you feel about rules? Were you compliant and grateful for rules or did rules just make you want to rebel?
2. Have you ever been frustrated by a rule or rules that seemed to be arbitrary and thus an unnecessary burden? What was the situation? How do experiences such as that influence your feelings toward rules?
3. Does James 1:25 make sense to you when it teaches that the perfect law brings freedom? How do you think law, a command that prohibits or requires certain actions, can bring freedom?

Going deeper

4. Read Romans 6:11-14. What do you think it means when it says we are not under the law but under grace?

5. Paul here teaches that since we are not under the law, we will be victorious in overcoming sin in our lives. How is grace better than the law in helping us to defeat our sin?
6. Continue reading Romans 6:15-23. Should Christians follow the law? Why or why not?
7. What are the crucial differences between a Christian's respect and obedience for God's law and a legalist's false religion? Or, to put it another way, how can I tell if I am living a life of grace or legalism?