

The Purpose of the Law

Who is it for?	References	Why it is not for Christians	References
Men (as in Adam)	Rm 7:1 the law has dominion over a man.	Christians are not in Adam but are new creatures in Christ.	2 Cor 5:17 if anyone <i>is</i> in Christ, <i>he is</i> a new creation.
The living	Rm 7:1 the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?	Christians are dead as regards Adamic life.	<p>Rm 6:2 we who died.</p> <p>Rm 6:4 we were buried with Him through baptism into death.</p> <p>Rm 6:5 we have been united together in the likeness of His death.</p> <p>Rm 6:6 our old man was crucified with <i>Him</i>, that the body of sin might be done away with.</p> <p>Rm 7:4 you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ.</p> <p>Rm 8:10 And if Christ <i>is</i> in you, the body <i>is</i> dead.</p>
Those under the letter (external, formal, regulatory law)	<p>2 Cor 3:6 ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter (i.e. old covenant is of the letter).</p> <p>Rm 2:27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfils the law, judge you who, <i>even with your written code</i> and circumcision, <i>are</i> a transgressor of the law?</p> <p>Col 2:14 the handwriting of requirements that was against us.</p> <p>Eph 2:15 the law of commandments <i>contained</i> in ordinances.</p>	Christians are in the Spirit and not under the external letter.	<p>Rm 7:6 But now we have been delivered from the law ... so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not <i>in</i> the oldness of the letter.</p> <p>2 Cor 3:6 ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.</p>
Those in the flesh	<p>Rm 7:5 when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members.</p> <p>Rm 8:3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh.</p>	Christians are not in the flesh but in the Spirit of a new life.	<p>Rm 8:6 For to be carnally minded <i>is</i> death, but to be spiritually minded <i>is</i> life and peace.</p> <p>Rm 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.</p>
Those in the body (Adamic)	Rm 7:1 the law has dominion over a man.	The body is legally dead for those in Christ.	Rm 8:10 And if Christ <i>is</i> in you, the body <i>is</i> dead because of sin, but the Spirit <i>is</i> life because of righteousness.
Those not in the Spirit	Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. [Therefore, if you are under law you are not in the Spirit.]	Christians are in the Spirit and therefore not under law.	<p>Rm 7:6 we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit.</p> <p>Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.</p>

Those in bondage	Gal 4:24 For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.	Christians are at liberty in Christ.	Rm 7:6 we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by. Rm 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption.
Servants [NB Israel was God's son corporately as the vessel containing the elect remnant, but individuals were not called God's sons in the OT.]	Jos 1:7 observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you. 2 Kg 21:8 according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded. Dan 9:11 the Law of Moses the servant of God. 2 Chron 6:16 Your servant David.	Christians are sons of God in Christ.	Rm 8:14 as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Eph 1:5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ. 1 Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God.
The unrighteous	1 Tim 1:9 the law is not made for a righteous person, but for <i>the</i> lawless and insubordinate, for <i>the</i> ungodly and for sinners, for <i>the</i> unholy and profane.	Christians are righteous in Christ.	1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God -- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin <i>to be</i> sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
It is for those under it	1 Cor 9:20 to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those <i>who are</i> under the law.	Christians are not under law but are in-law (lawful) in Christ.	Rm 10:4 For Christ <i>is</i> the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Gal 5:18 if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 1 Cor 9:21 not being without law to God, but within law to Christ (Young's Literal).

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