

## Les Feldick on the Law

“Through the Bible” teacher Les Feldick offers an analogy to teach man’s relationship to the law *before* the Mosaic Covenant was instituted and *after* the death of Christ. This example demonstrates the correct application of the *purpose* of the law in this church age. God’s law as introduced to Moses on Mt. Sinai convicted man of sin. Beginning with the Decalogue, and continuing through 613 commandments —man was provided a metric by which his sin was identified and measured. He was expected to obey the law.

Obedience to the law was judicially satisfied at the death of Christ. The atonement marks a permanent change in the way law applies to man. The law is not done away with; but the penalty of the law is satisfied in Christ’s sacrifice. Therefore, all “law keeping” since Calvary has been futile. ***This truth is extremely difficult for many to accept.***

An Oklahoma rancher and farmer, Feldick asks the student to envision a common experience in the wide open spaces in that part of the country. Commonly, there are no stop signs, no yield signs, and no traffic lights on the many farm-to-market roads that cross at infrequent intervals. ***This analogy states that prior to installation of stop signs or signals there is no compulsion or requirement to stop when crossing an intersection since there is no instrument of the law to define and control the situation. This is true even if competing traffic is present.*** This is analogous to the circumstances prior to Moses receiving the Law. (Note: even without laws, traffic accidents nonetheless occur, but are not cited as in *violation* of law.)

But since God’s laws of physics always prevail —no matter the dispensation —in this analogy even in the *pre-law* condition *without* road signs —courtesy and good sense dictated drivers use caution and yield to others who arrived at the intersection at the same time —even though no law compels them to do so. Hence the universal truth that since Cain killed Abel we know what is kind, right, and what we should do *even if no one or nothing defines what’s right*. We all have a conscious (Rom 1).

As time progresses and stop signs and signal lights are placed at intersections in rural Oklahoma (analogous to the giving of the law), a new economy brings with it new expectations. All drivers are now duty-bound to come to a full stop before crossing or turning at intersections —even if

there's no other vehicles. (This is analogous to realizing one should not commit a crime in secret (i. e., violate the law) even though it may be assumed no one is hurt and no one is watching. Failure to do so, even without incident, *constitutes a violation of the law*. This is analogous to the universal and in-all-cases application of guilt of breaking the law after it was given at Sinai. Note: do law keepers understand what this means? This is incredible bondage and burden....

But when Christ came, His death satisfied the penalty for violation of the law. And His yoke is not a burden. He breaks the bonds of servitude to the Law. The law—in this case traffic law—was *not* done away with. Observing the law continues to reap benefits of safety and order; however, violation of the law is not a capital offense because pardon for breaking the law has been provided by Christ's sacrificial death.

**KEY:** Paul taught that the law is good when used properly to bring the law breaker to Christ; it is not used properly when it's violation places the violator remedially back under the authority and direction of the law.

Wow. Thank God for ranchers who pay attention to the spiritual lesson of stop signs....

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