

Hebrews 10:11-18 “The Law in the Heart through Christ”- Part III: Sanctified by our Priest, Prophet, and King

Intro: Believers have gone from rebels to worshippers through the perfection of the new covenant in Christ. The law that we hated becomes the law that we love and begin to obey. How does this change take place? How does God place the law in our hearts? How does Christ reign in our hearts against the power of sin through faith? How do we live out of the completion, fullness, and perfection of the ministry of our Savior?

- 1) God reigns in our hearts against the power of sin by the **intercession of our superior High Priest, Christ**. Christ has taken away sin, our guilt, our condemnation by His one, only, and sufficient sacrifice. The enemy held us captive and bound through accusation, guilt, fear, and death. The enemy used our aversion to the judgment of God to keep us running away from Him. And, as long as we were guilty and liable to God’s justice, His wrath, we could not approach Him, let alone serve Him. (1 Cor.15:56-57, Rom.7:4-6) Our service in true loving obedience to God flows from being delivered once for all from wrath and condemnation. (Heb.2:14-15, Coloss.2:13-15, 1 John 4:17-19, Rom.8:15)
  - 2) Christ reigns in our hearts by the power of **His victory as the triumphant King** over all our enemies. He has vanquished our death, our condemnation, our sin, the devil, hell, and the world with all adversaries by His priestly obedient and suffering work. He rules over His people through His victory as the anointed Christ and true Son of God. While enemies seem abundant now, they have all been conquered and defeated. Our victory lies in trusting His victory, being apprehended in and through Christ’s victory by the renewal of our minds through faith. 1 John 5:4-5, James 4:6-7, Romans 12:1-2, Coloss.1:21-23, 28, 2:1-3, 9-10
  - 3) Christ reigns in our hearts as the **faithful witnessing Prophet of the new eternal covenant/grace** by His Spirit. Heb. 13: 20-21, The law that Christ kept, lived and died under for us, which God imputes as our righteousness through faith in Christ for our positional/definitive sanctification is the very same law that God makes fruitful in our lives causing us to depend on Him for its obedience. What God declares, He brings into being; what God announces He perfects. The word of Christ keeping covenant for us becomes the word of Christ bearing fruit in us. God declares believers holy and righteous in Christ and the result is that believers begin to bear the fruits of such declaration/imputation/love apprehended in our hearts/minds/conscience. Gal.3:1-5, Rom.4:13-25, Ephes.3:16-21
- Conclusion:
- Gospel waters create, feed and nourish the circumcision of our hearts to obey Christ.
  - God’s power to save and transform lies with His word, which testifies to Christ as our purifying Priest, victorious King, and faithful Prophet.
  - The law that we begin to obey can never be severed, separated, or distanced in the least from the imputation in Christ of the righteousness God demands.
  - The moral law we begin to obey by the moral imputation/declaration of righteousness is the relational law of love that begins to shape and mold all our relations because we are declared loved. God’s gospel love overflows through us as a transforming fountain of love!