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Summary and Reflection – Week 5

I believe that the law is still relevant for us, today because it's mentioned in the YouTube video "How To Read the Law" it mentions that the laws show God's wisdom and we can see how God was involved in the lives of so people many years ago and He continues to be present in our lives today. Now as far as being under the law we're no longer under it because as it says in Romans 6:14 (NIV) "For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace". I feel that even though Paul wrote this to the Romans I feel that as Christians and believers of Christ we have confirmation in this verse that we are no longer under the law but by God's grace. When Christ came as a human and gave Himself for our sins it changed the way we can approach God and deliver our faults unto Him. Why? Because Jesus made the sacrificial sacrament which was giving His life for us and our sins. The blood that that he shed and the pain that He endure was for us to have complete salvation directly with the Father. We no longer must go to "man" and repent for our sins. We now have the notion and assurance that whenever we have our downfalls or sin, we can go directly to God and ask for forgiveness, we don't need to do rituals or sacrifice animals and ask for mercy, but rather go to the father directly and seek repentance. Just as it says the Bible "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness". I feel that this verse confirms that we can go fully go directly to God and ask for His mercy as opposed to having to go man or anyone and confess our sins to whomever. (1 John 1:9, NIV) Also, in

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) says “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast”. I believe that this verse brings out the fact we have salvation through our faith in Christ Jesus and again we don’t have to do sacrifices or works to be saved, because it is the belief that we have in God that allows us to have true salvation. I feel that as it is mentioned in the book “How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth” by Fee and Stuart I like how they express that the many things that God did with individuals in the Bible was for them and what they were going or facing during their time. We can take their experiences and of course learn from them and may apply some of it if we happen to be facing something like their situation. I also feel that we don’t necessarily have to do exactly what some individuals did during their time. I think that as we have a relationship with God, we can go straight to God and ask for His guidance and direction in whatever situation that we’re going through. I believe that God will guide and direct us into what we need to do.

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