

The Role of God's Law

1 Timothy 1.8-11

Two facts about God's Law:

1. It's Designed for Rebels (vs9-10)

a) the purpose of God's Law

***defines right and wrong
deters us from doing wrong
convicts us when we do wrong***

b) what God's Law can't do

it cannot secure our salvation

Gal 2.15-16; 3.10-11; Dt 6.5

it can't produce goodness

Rom 7.7-11

c) the focus of God's Law

the lawless – want no laws at all

rebels – react against any laws

The Ten Commandments

Ex 20.3-17; Dt 5.7-21

- **ungodly = no time for God**
God must come first Ex 20.3
 - **sinful = sell God short**
have no idols Ex 20.4-5
 - **unholy = nothing scared**
respect God's name Ex 20.7
 - **irreligious = no time for God**
a special day for God Ex 20.8-11
 - **aggressive towards parents**
honour parents Ex 20.12
 - **murderers**
don't take human life Ex 20.13
 - **sexual sins 1 Cor 5.9; Rom 1.27**
sex is for marriage Ex 20.14
 - **'men stealers'**
don't steal anything Ex 20.15
 - **liars and perjurers**
never tell lies Ex 20.16
- Jesus endorsed them Matt 7.17-28**

2. God's Law is a Power for Good (v8)

for those who use it correctly

- *it reflects God's character*
- *God's guidelines for enjoying a healthy relationship with himself*
Dt 32.45-47; 8.3; John 14.21-23
 - *not a rod for our back*
 - *not a checklist to make us proud*
Luke 18.11-12
 - *not a route to acceptance*
- *guides us to faith 2 Tim 3.1-18*
and shapes us for service
a source of joy, delight
Ps 119.9-11,18,27,35,37,52,72,97

3. Gospel: God's greatest glory (v11)

- *a way to be put right with him*
not based on human achievement
faith-based Rom 1.16-17; 3.21-24
- *a power for holiness Tit 2.11-14*