**Q39. Biblically, what is *law*?**

Law is the requirements on man often expressed through commands that God has given.

**Q40. Who can perfectly obey God’s law?**

Because of sin, fallen man cannot rightly obey God’s law. Only Christ Jesus obeyed God’s law perfectly and did not sin.

**Q41. If fallen man cannot perfectly obey God’s law, why did God give it?**

God’s law displays His perfections and glory, informs mankind what is required of us, and reveals our sin and our desperate need for Jesus.

1. Review the key terms in this lesson. Does anyone need any clarity on what they encompass?

* Universal Moral Law (Natural Law)
* Positive Law
* Supplementary Data
* General Equity
* Abrogated

1. Is *Universal Moral Law* able to change? Why or why not?
2. Understanding what *Positive Law* is and how it functions in biblical/human history is critical to our ability to understand our Bible correctly. Discuss with your group why this is. (For example, what errors or misunderstandings have you had about certain commands you see in the Old Testament? How will this lesson help you have clarity moving forward?)
3. Our answer to question 40 includes these words: “Only Christ Jesus obeyed God’s law perfectly and did not sin.” We read in Scripture that Jesus came not to abolish the moral law but to fulfill it—to perfectly obey it. Why is this critical to our salvation? How does this bring you to praise our Lord, our Savior?
4. Because of indwelling sin as a result of the fall of mankind, even the saved can’t perfectly obey the law in this age. Knowing that, are you tempted to make light of God’s commands? Do you struggle with a sinful defeatist mentality, or are you zealous to obey and honor our King?

At some point in discussing this question, read these two passages:

* Titus 2:11-14
* Ephesians 2:10

1. Discuss the *First Function* of the moral law with your group. What observations do you have about this function? What new clarity did you get on this tonight?
2. Discuss the *Second Function* of the moral law with your group. What observations do you have about this function? What new clarity did you get on this tonight?
3. Discuss the *Third Function* of the moral law with your group. What observations do you have about this function? What new clarity did you get on this tonight?