

Hobby horse

The Purposes of God's Law

The Lord's brilliant and gracious teachings found in Torah:

Protect (to keep God's people off the turf of the pagan)

Bless (to grant God's people the highest quality of life that can be had on this earth)

Testify (to draw the pagans to the turf of God's people for their redemption)

Affirm (to confirm the veracity of the Bible)

Convict (to show us how crooked we are and how desperately we need a Savior)

As humans we can never be totally objective. We come to every subject with our preconceptions that have developed from our education and life experiences. In my opinion, therefore, even the most honest and studious of Bible teachers will "hobby horse" certain doctrines. On the above subject, for example, a Godly man like Ray Comfort emphasizes the "conviction" aspect of God's law, while I tend to emphasize the "affirmation" or apologetic side of the Torah. We are both correct but both of us tend to leave out the whole picture. That is why the Lord reminds us with frequency how much we need each other for safety and balance among other things.

1 Cor 12:14-27 NIV

14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.