HOW TO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST

Gal. 6:2

Introduction:

1. Paul in our text gives only one particular of that law, "*Bear ye one another's burdens.*"
2. This was "Just one part of the law; we must fulfill all the law of Christ".
3. We are under the Law of Christ -- I Cor. 9:21
4. The Law of Christ is called:
    (1) The law of faith -- Rom. 3:27
    (2) The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus -- Rom. 8:2
    (3) The perfect law of liberty -- James 1:25
    (4) The royal law -- James 2: 8
    (5) Heb. 7:12
5. If we are to be saved we must fulfill the law of Christ -- fill completely.

I. WE FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST IN GOSPEL OBEDIENCE

1. Many teach man has nothing to do -- saved by the direct operation of the Holy Spirit.
2. If this is so, how can the law of Christ be fulfilled that says:
    (1) Matt. 7:21
    (2) John 3: 3 -5
    (3) II Thess. 1: 8 - 9
    (4) Rom. 6: 17 - 18
    (5) Mark 16: 15 - 16
    (6) Acts 2: 38

II. WE FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST IN A LIFE OF FAITHFULNESS

1. The doctrine of the impossibility of apostasy teaches that a child of God cannot be eternally lost.
2. But if this is so, how can the law of Christ be fulfilled which teaches that a Christian must be faithful unto death?
    (1) Rev. 2:10
    (2) I Cor. 10:12
    (3) John 15: 1 - 6
    (4) Gal. 5: 19 - 21

(5) Tit. 2: 11 - 112

III. WE FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST BY THE ACTION OF BAPTISM

1. Many teach one does not have to be immersed-- he can be sprinkled or poured.
2. One cannot fulfill the law of Christ and be sprinkled or poured because it teaches baptism is:
    (1) Immersion
    (2) A burial -- Rom. 6: 4; Col. 2:12
    (3) A planting -- Rom. 6:5
    (4) A washing -- Heb. 10: 22; Eph. 5: 26
    (5) Acts 8: 38 - 39

IV. THE DESIGN OF BAPTISM FULFILLS THE LAW OF CHRIST

1. Many say that baptism is not essential to salvation
2. Many would say they cannot see how being baptized in water could save a person.
3. But how can the law of Christ be fulfilled without baptism for the remission of sins -- the law of Christ places baptism between the believer and salvation.
    (1) Mark 16:16
    (2) Acts 2: 37 - 38
    (3) Acts 22: 16
    (4) I Pet. 3:21

V. WE FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST IN CALLING BIBLE THINGS BY BIBLE NAMES

1. Some argue that there is nothing in a name
2. If we call the church by man-given names, how can the Law of Christ be fulfilled which speaks of:
    (1) My Church -- Matt. 16:18
    (2) Churches of Christ -- Rom. 16:16
    (3) The church of God -- I Cor. 1:2
    (4) The church of the living God -- I Tim. 3:15
3. If we call men who preach man-given names -- how can the Law of Christ be fulfilled which speaks of:
    (1) A preacher -- I Tim. 2:7
    (2) Evangelist -- II Tim. 4:5; Eph. 4: 11 - 12
    (3) Ministers -- I Cor. 3:5

VI. THE ONENESS OF GOD'S PEOPLE FULFILLS THE LAW OF CHRIST

1. Some try to say there is an advantage in denominationalism -- they say everyone may have a church of his choice.
2. If people argue for division, how can the Law of Christ be fulfilled?
    (1) John 17: 20 - 21
    (2) I Cor. 1:10
    (3) Rom. 1: 17 - 18
    (4) Eph. 4: 1 - 6
    (5) Matt. 16: 18

CONCLUSION:

1. Let none of us set ourselves against the Law of Christ.
2. Let us set ourselves to work the fulfilling of the Scriptures.
3. Thereby obtaining eternal salvation -- Heb. 5: 8 - 9

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