

Oh, thank God:

**“ Payment He will not twice demand;
First at my bleeding Surety’s hand,
And then again at mine.”**

In the second place, although there is an intense spiritual conflict going on inside every believer, we have God’s own Word for it that the principle of righteousness communicated by the Holy Spirit is stronger, and that it prevails over the principle of innate sin!

God’s grace is greater than our sin, not only in Justification but also in Sanctification!

And in the third place, we now live in a new relationship to the Law of God. It continues to be a revelation of God’s will for our obedience, but now we delight in knowing it and obeying it! It informs us what righteousness is and what sin is, so that we can practice the former and avoid the latter.

Just as the Law was given to chosen and redeemed Israel as a rule by which to live, so the moral law of God is our Lebensregel, our rule of life!

Of course, those aspects of God’s Law that prefigured and foreshadowed Christ, and therefore were fulfilled when Christ the substance came; these offerings and ceremonies and ordinances that were give specifically to Israel as proper forms of worship; and those judicial regulations that were given specifically to Israel to provide good order in the civic sphere and protection from and punishment for crime- these aspects of God’s Law do not bind our consciences today, except for such principles as carry over into what the Westminster divines called the New Testament dispensation of the covenant of grace.