

To avoid confusion and legalism a careful distinction should be made between the moral law and the Mosaic Ten Commandments."

-- Roy L. Aldrich, "Causes for Confusion of Law and Grace," in *Bibliotheca Sacra* Vol. 116, No. 463 (July 1959), pp.225-226.

". . . most dispensationalists would approve of the following: . . . (3) That the eternal moral law of God (not the Mosaic law) applies to all dispensations."

-- Roy L. Aldrich, "An Outline Study on Dispensationalism," in *Bibliotheca Sacra* Vol. 118, No. 470 (April 1961), p. 134.

"The moral law is the basis of the Mosaic law, but the two should not be confused. Christians and all of God's intelligent creatures are under His eternal moral law, but only Israel was ever under the Mosaic pattern of the moral law. . . .

In conclusion, it has been noted that none of the Ten Commandments reappear in the New Testament for this age of grace as Mosaic legislation. All of the moral principles of the ten laws do reappear in the New Testament in a framework of grace. The Christian is not under 'the ministration of death, written and engraven in stone,' but he is under all the moral principles of those stones restated for this economy of grace."

-- Roy L. Aldrich, "The Mosaic Ten Commandments Compared to their Restatements in the New Testament," In *Bibliotheca Sacra* Vol. 118. No. 471 (July 1961), pp. 251, 257.

"Much of the argument over law and grace is caused by a failure in definition of terms. If the eternal moral law of God is distinguished from the Mosaic laws, much of the confusion disappears. All agree that we are still under the 'righteousness of the law,' i.e., the moral principles contained in the law of Moses, and all but extreme legalists also agree that we are not under 'the ministration of death written and engraven in stones,' (2 Cor. 3:7), i.e., under the Mosaic economy of the moral law with its death penalties."

-- Roy L. Aldrich, "A New Look at Dispensationalism," in *Bibliotheca Sacra* Vol. 120, No. 177 (January-March 1963), p. 48.

To summarize. It is important to distinguish between Law as a dispensation, law as a principle of salvation, law as the standard of righteousness required for justification, and law as the standard of righteousness needed to live a righteous life. And it is important to distinguish between Grace as a dispensation and grace as a principle of salvation. It should be noted that grace is not a standard of righteousness, but rather God's favor extended toward sinners in blessing and enablement.

The moral law of God is the will of God addressed to man's obedience in every dispensation; and grace enables man to obey and do the will of God. In this sense law and grace are not antithetical, but sweetly work together via the principle, "Christ for us, the Holy Spirit in us". Christ fulfilled the