

Exposing Enemies Within the Church: A 7-Session Bible Study Series
Session 4: Antinomianism ~ Lawlessness isn't a biblical idea.

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Group 1 — Discuss the following. Prepare a brief report of the insights your discussion uncovers and ask for a willing volunteer to share the summary with the large group.

Jesus did not cancel out God's moral law but affirmed it (see Matt. 5:17-48; 22:34-40; also see Matt. 19:16-22 and this article: <https://bit.ly/3itCjyL>). Cancellation of the ceremonial law does not negate God's moral law (see Heb. 10:1-10). The Bible passages mentioned are available at <https://bit.ly/3IrZJ4k>.

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Group 2 — Discuss the following. Prepare a brief report of the insights your discussion uncovers and ask for a willing volunteer to share the summary with the large group.

Each of the Ten Commandments, except perhaps the Fourth Commandment concerning observing the Sabbath, is affirmed, either explicitly or implicitly, in the New Testament (see <https://bit.ly/3wxSOIM>). That said, a qualification is in order. The Fourth Commandment is not reinforced as are the other nine (<https://bit.ly/3umLpTF>), because the Fourth Commandment, as it was given to the Israelites, has ceremonial aspects to it that were cancelled by the New Covenant (<https://bit.ly/36BioeB>). Describe the value of obeying the Ten Commandments — for the individual, for the family, for the community, and for a nation.

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Group 3 — Discuss the following. Prepare a brief report of the insights your discussion uncovers and ask for a willing volunteer to share the summary with the large group.

Obtaining salvation by grace through faith does not remove an obligation to obey the law — not to be saved, but because one has been saved (Eph. 2:8-10). Note especially what Paul wrote in verse 10. What is the proper relationship between faith and works, according to this passage?

Being under grace does not give Christians freedom to sin; rather, it releases them from sin's dominion, or power and influence (see Rom. 6:14-15). How can the reality of this spiritual truth be made practical in a believer's life?

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Group 4 — Discuss the following. Prepare a brief report of the insights your discussion uncovers and ask for a willing volunteer to share the summary with the large group.

Good works are expected of believers. Even Jesus said so — and Paul, and Peter, and James (see Matt. 5:13-16; Col. 3:1-10; 1 Pet. 1:13-16; James 2:14-26).

We are obligated, not to obey the flesh, but the Spirit — who, by the way, wants us to live holy lives, lives consistent with God's moral law. Moreover, He empowers us to obey (see Rom. 8:12-14; Gal. 5:16-26).