

# THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the  
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# The New (Old) Covenant

Exodus 20

## The Giving of the Law

Hebrews 12

18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom, and storm; 19 to a trumpet blast or to a voice that made its hearers beg that no further word be spoken.

# **What is our relationship with “The Law” today?**

**Romans 10**

**4 For Christ is the end of the law,  
to bring righteousness to everyone who  
believes.**

**How do we, as New Covenant believers  
view the “Covenant of the Law”?**

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- any demand by God for His creation
- a principle or power at work
  - (Rom. 7:23; Rom. 8:2)

## Romans 8

**1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

**2 For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death.**

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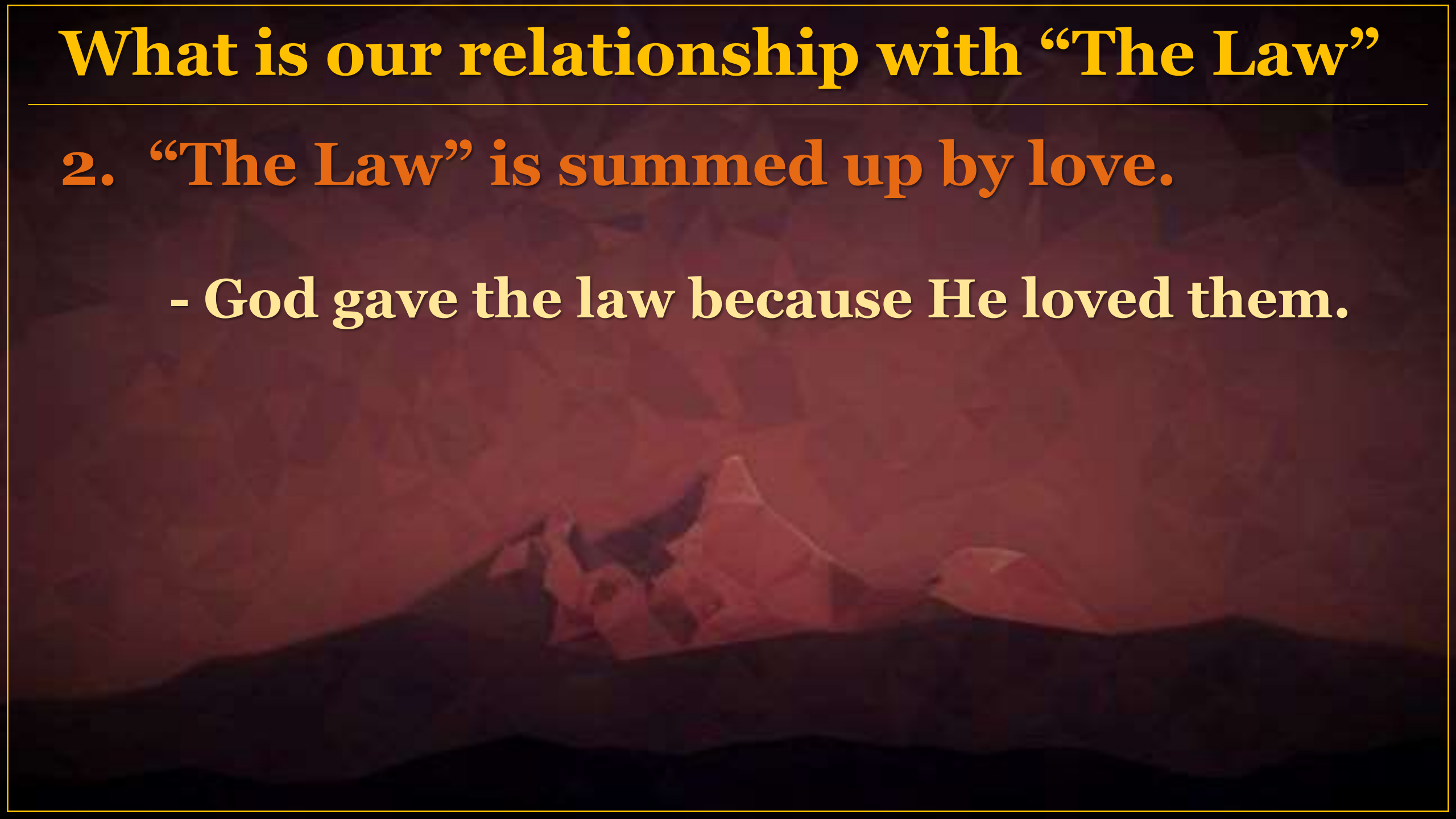
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## Deuteronomy 33

**1** This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced upon the Israelites before his death.

**2** He said: “The LORD came from Sinai and dawned upon us from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran and came with myriads of holy ones, with flaming fire at His right hand.

**3** Surely **You love the people;** all the holy ones are in Your hand, and they sit down at Your feet; each receives Your words—

**4** the law that Moses gave us,

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## Matthew 22

**37 Jesus declared, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [Deuteronomy 6:5]**

**38 This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ [Leviticus 19:18]**

**40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

## **Romans 13**

**8 Be indebted to no one, except to one another in love.**

**For he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.**

**9 The commandments “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and any other commandments, are summed up in this one decree: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**10 Love does no wrong to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**

## Galatians 5

**13 ... serve one another in love.**

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**2 John 1**

**5 And now I urge you, dear lady—not as a new commandment to you, but one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.**

**6 And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.**

**1 John 5**

**2 By this we know that we love the  
children of God:**

**when we love God and keep His  
commandments.**

## **Deuteronomy 22**

**4 If you see your brother's donkey or ox fallen on the road, you must not ignore it; you must help him lift it up.**



**1 Corinthians 9**

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**8 If you build a new house, you are to construct a railing around your roof, so that you do not bring bloodguilt on your house if someone falls from it.**

## **Exodus 22**

**25 If you lend money to one of My people among you who is poor,  
you must not act as a creditor to him; you are not to charge him interest.**

## **Leviticus 19**

**9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you are not to reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.**

**10 You must not strip your vineyard bare or gather its fallen grapes.**

**Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.**

## **Leviticus 19**

**15 You must not pervert justice;  
you must not show partiality to the poor  
or favoritism to the rich;  
you are to judge your neighbor fairly.**

## **Deuteronomy 19**

**15 A lone witness is not sufficient to establish any  
wrongdoing or sin against a man, regardless of  
what offense he may have committed.  
A matter must be established by the testimony of  
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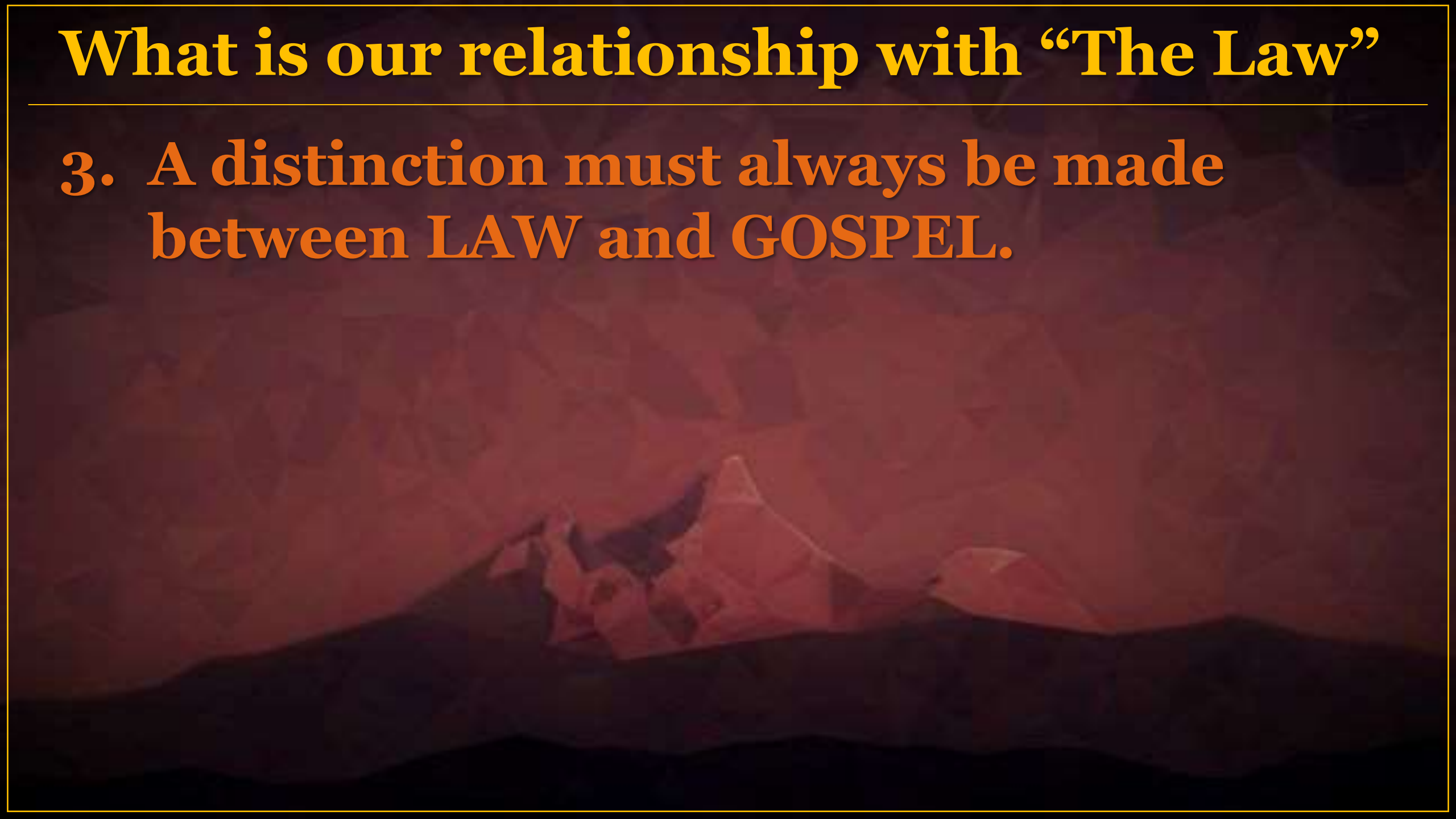
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- Love is law.
  - Love does not save us.
  - Love is a fruit/result of being saved.
  - We love because He first loved us.

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**3. A distinction must always be made between LAW and GOSPEL.**



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