Are All Men Amenable To The Law Of Christ?

Intro: The Lord’s church is troubled by many false teachers and false teachings. 1 John 4:1 “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” One such doctrine that has raised its ugly head is the doctrine I am to address. Men such as James Bales and Dan Billingsly are now teaching that only Christians are amenable to all the law of Christ. The non-Christian is not subject to Christ’s law, they are subject to some other law (law on the heart, moral law, or civil law). However, let us notice some teachings proving that all men are amenable to the Law of Christ.

I. Whatever Men Are Not Amenable To Christ’s Law Do Not Commit Sin.
   A. Sin is transgression of the Law.
      1. 1 John 3:4 “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”
   B. If they are not under the Law of Christ then they do not sin.
      1. Rom. 3:19 “Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.”
      2. Rom. 4:15 “Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.”
   C. Yet, all men have sinned, thus all men are under the Law of Christ.
      1. Rom. 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”
      2. Gal. 3:22 “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”

II. If One Is Subject To Any Part Of A Law He Is Subject To All The Law.
   A. Gal. 5:3 “For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.”
   B. Jam. 2:10 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”
   C. All men have been given the command to repent and be baptized, thus all men are subject to all the law of God.
      1. Acts 17:30 “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.”
      2. Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

III. A World-Wide Commission Proves That All Men Are Amenable To Christ’s Law.
   A. Mat. 28:19-20 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
   B. Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
C. **Luke 24:46-47** “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

D. **Acts 1:8** “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

### IV. Because of the Nature of Christ.

**A. He is King of kings.**

1. **1 Tim. 6:15** “Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of Lords;”

2. **Rev. 1:5** “And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”

3. **Rev. 17:14** “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

4. **Rev. 19:16** “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

**B. He is Lord.**

1. **Rom. 9:5** “Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

2. **Acts 10:36** “The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)”

3. **Eph. 1:20-22** “Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”

**C. He is the one with all authority.**

1. **Heb. 2:8** “Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.”

2. **Mat. 28:18** “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”

**D. His authority is over all men, whether or not they submit to him.**

### V. All Men Will Be Judged by the Law of Christ.

**A. Acts 17:31** “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”

**B. John 12:48** “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

**C. Rom. 2:16** “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

Conclusion: Only those who wish to change God’s law concerning marriage, divorce and remarriage wish to argue that all men are not amenable to all of God’s law. They will admit
that they are under part of that law (only the part that invites them to come under that law), but not all of it. However, if they are under any part of the law they are under all of it. If they are not under all of God’s law then they cannot commit sin, and, thus, do not need to repent (they cannot) and be baptized for the remission of their sins. In fact, they have no sins to repent of or be baptized for. All men are subject to all of God’s laws, not only dealing with salvation, but also those dealing with divorce and remarriage.