The Law of Christ

Intro: During the past weeks we have been noticing the supremacy of God and Jesus Christ. How that supremacy (authority) is in Christ’s Word and that that Word is sufficient to give us life, and godliness. Hopefully we now want to see the law of Christ or what that Word is.

I. THE LAW OF CHRIST DID NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL AFTER HIS DEATH.
   A. Heb. 5:8-9 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”
      1. Suffered
         a. Heb. 2:10 “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” (captain - the source from whence salvation proceeds.)
         b. Luke 24:46 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:”
         c. His suffering refers to His death.
      2. Perfect: complete
      3. Authored: he brought forth; He is the cause of it, and He is our salvation itself.
   B. Heb. 9:15-17 “And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. 16For where a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.”

II. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS DEATH HE AUTHORED HIS WILL (ETERNAL SALVATION.)
   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: 20Teaching 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.”
      1. To be a disciple (follower) of Christ
      2. Baptize
      3. Taught all things
   B. Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
      1. Believe, plus
      2. Baptize, equals
      3. Salvation
   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: 47And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
      1. Repentance, and
      2. Remission of Sins.
III. Confirmation In The Conversions.

A. Acts 2:
1. 1-4—Holy Spirit comes to the apostles
2. 5-13—Gathering of the multitude.
3. 14-36—Peter instills a belief in Christ as God’s Son.
4. 37—Shows their belief.
5. 38-40—Repentance and baptism for remission of sins and salvation.
6. 41, 47—Baptized and added to the church.

B. Acts 8:5-12 Samaritans
1. Instilled a belief; Acts 8:5-6 “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. 6And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”
2. Believed and baptized; Acts 8:12 “But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

C. Acts 8:26-40 Ethiopian Eunuch
1. Instilled belief; Acts 8:35 “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”
2. Baptized; Acts 8:36-38 “And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”

1. Belief; Acts 9:4-6 “And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.” Acts 22:6-10 “And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. 7And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. 9And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. 10And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.”
2. Repentance, implied; Acts 9:9 “And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.”
3. Baptized to wash away sins; Acts 9:18 “And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.” Acts 22:16 “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

E. Acts 10: Cornelius
1. Instilled belief; Acts 10:34-43
2. Baptized; Acts 10:47-48 “Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.”
F. Acts 16:13-15 Lydia
1. Belief; Acts 16:14 “And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.”
2. Baptized; Acts 16:15 “And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.”

G. Acts 16:25-34 Philippian jailer
1. Belief; Acts 16:31-32 “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.”
2. Repentance; Acts 16:33 “And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.”
3. Baptized; Acts 16:33 “And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.”

H. Acts 18:1-17 Corinthians
1. Belief; Acts 18:8 “And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.”
2. Baptized; Acts 18:8 “And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.”

I. Acts 19:1-7 Ephesians
1. Belief; Acts 19:4 “Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”
2. Baptized; Acts 19:5 “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Conclusion: Will you not do that which Christ authored so that you will have His eternal salvation.