

Introduction

Since New Testament times (and even within the New Testament Church) the nature of the relationship of the Christian to God's law has been the subject of considerable disagreement and confusion. On the one hand the New Testament warns Christians against those who twist God's grace into a justification for licence. On the other hand the New Testament is no less insistent that legalism is a form of bondage from which believers have been set free. So much is clear. Problems surface when what one regards as holiness of life is viewed by another as legalism, and what some consider to be gospel liberty is branded by others as shameful licence.

As traditional understandings are increasingly being questioned, even by reformed Christians, the **2009 Affinity Theological Study Conference** will address the overall theme of law and covenant. In addition to a historical overview, speakers of different persuasions will address issues such as the threefold division of the law, whether there is one covenant or two and the place of the Mosaic law in the Church and society.

Each paper will be circulated, in advance, to conference delegates. The speaker will then present his paper at the conference. After each presentation there are small group discussion sessions. The final day concludes with a plenary question and answer session.

SPEAKERS AND THEIR PAPERS

Paper 1:

The concept of Covenant in the history of theology

Speaker: Bob Letham

Wales Evangelical School of Theology (WEST),
Bridgend

Paper 2:

The validity of the three-fold division of the Mosaic Law in Scripture

Speaker: Iain D Campbell

Back Free Church, Isle of Lewis

Paper 3:

One Covenant or two – the relationship between the Old and the New

Speaker: Douglas Moo

Wheaton College, Illinois

Paper 4:

The use of the Mosaic Law in the New Testament church

Speaker: Chris Bennett

Wilton Community Church, Muswell Hill

Paper 5:

The use of the Mosaic Law in society today

Speaker: Paul Helm

Regent College, Vancouver and London University

Paper 6:

Where do we go from here?

Speaker: Michael Horton

Westminster Seminary, California

Booking Form

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Standard Room

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Ensuite Room

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In the event of the Conference being oversubscribed I am willing to share a large Standard Room

You can pay on-line or send your cheque made out to '**Affinity**' to:

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Essential to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Numbers are strictly limited at the venue.

Venue

High Leigh Conference Centre

(Hertfordshire) has undergone substantial renovations in the last few years. It is easily reached by road from the A10, not far off the M25. The Centre is a short taxi ride from Broxbourne station which is on the line between Liverpool Street and Cheshunt. You can also connect to the line from Seven Sisters or Tottenham Hale tube stations on the Victoria line.

For more details about High Leigh see www.cct.org.uk/highleigh



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The *End** Of The Law?

*End, noun.

- to bring to an end or conclusion
- to terminate
- to reach a goal

Examining the role of the law in the Bible, the Church and Society.



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