

The Letter Of The Law



Key “Spirit” and “Letter” Passages

- **2 Corinthians 3:6** – “Who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”
- **Romans 2:29** – “But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.”
- **Romans 7:6** – “But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.”

Reading between
the lines?



Just “Vague Principles”?

- Commands and protocol for baptism, the Lord’s supper, qualifications for elders, how to handle church discipline, singing, etc.
- Moral codes of conduct (Rom. 13:8-10, Eph. 4:25ff).
- Love is not vague at all, but well-defined (1 Cor. 13:1ff).
- Jesus taught that salvation was impossible without obedience to the Father’s will (Matt. 7:21, John 14:15, Matt. 19:17).
- Obedience to the exact letter of God’s law is necessary (1 John 2:3-6)