

Seek, Do, and Teach—Just Like Ezra

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“For Ezra had prepared his heart to **seek** the law of the Lord, and to **do** it, and to **teach** statutes and ordinances in Israel” (Ezra 7:10).

Could the same be said of us that was said of Ezra? Have we prepared our hearts to do these same three things toward the law of Christ, the law we’re under today (1 Corinthians 9:21; Galatians 6:2)?

First, while a knowledge of the Old Testament is vitally important, we must also seek (strive to learn) the law of Christ. “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2). The **pure** milk of the word, mind you, not that which is tainted with false doctrine. It’s the truth we’re after, and not just a portion of it either. God desires that we be “filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (Colossians 1:9).

Secondly, we must do (or obey) the law of Christ. “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Jesus saves those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9)—He couldn’t have made that any clearer.

Finally, we must teach the law of Christ to others. “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2). By “doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you” (1 Timothy 4:16). Remember, though, this admonition: “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11). We must use great care in teaching only that which comes from God.

May we all be more determined to seek, obey, and teach the law of Christ.