

## FOREWORD

Since the first printing of Charles Leiter's earlier work, *Justification and Regeneration*, I have been amazed at the countless positive testimonies that I have received from believers around the world. What they all seem to have gained is a newfound freedom and joy established upon a clearer understanding of all that God has done for them in Christ. Any attempt to afford the believer a clearer understanding of the person and work of Christ is to be wholeheartedly commended. How much greater the commendation when the attempt is successful!

In his present work, *The Law of Christ*, Pastor Leiter carries on in the same tradition of making much of Christ and directing us to Him, not only for our justification, but also for our ultimate rule of ethics and our limitless source of life. From the preface to the final page, he draws our attention to Christ as the greatest revelation of the nature and will of God. Following the example of God the Father on the Mount of Transfiguration, Pastor Leiter points us to Christ and declares, "This is God's beloved Son, hear ye Him!"

Each chapter of this book is like the unfolding of a revelation. We are taken on a journey from the very beginning of God's redemptive work to its perfect fulfillment in the person of Christ. Along the way, we are pointed to the promises made to Abraham, the Law given to Moses, and the future hope of the Prophets. However, we are not allowed to tarry in any of these places too long. The one goal in view is that we be carried to Christ and left there.

Having established the supremacy of Christ in God's redemptive plan, Pastor Leiter goes on to expound the essence of what it really means to be and act Christian. For me, this is where the work truly shines. Over the years that he has been my friend, I have had the privilege of listening to Pastor Leiter teach these truths many times, and yet they have never lost their splendor. They are as marvelous to me now as they were the first time I heard them. I cannot communicate to you, the reader, how much my life has been blessed and transformed by these teachings. It is a most beautiful and empowering truth that the Christian life is just that: *It is life*,

the very *life of Christ* in us. As stated in the preface, Christianity is not a system of philosophy or even a collection of timeless eternal truths; Christianity is the person of Christ!

It is a rare and wonderful blessing for me to recommend a book that not only honors the Scriptures, but also has been used by God as an instrument of transformation in my own life. Therefore, it is with great joy that I recommend this book to you. I have no doubt that every sincere believer who reads through it will find many pearls of great price that will lead them to a higher view of Christ, a greater appreciation for His work on their behalf, and greater power to live for His glory!

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