

**“the law of Christ”** - the law that originated with Christ (gen of origin)? It is true Christ taught men to bear one another’s burdens, but is this duty unique to the NT? Clearly, physically this was true, e.g. **Lev 19:9,10; 25:35f; Dt 15:7f**; etc. The second greatest law, “love you neighbor,” implied it — **Lev 19:9,10...18**; Prophet after prophet was sent to reclaim the people from the burden of sin.

Alternative? “law of Christ” = law Christ was the highest example of! (gen. of relation). Compare **2Co 10:1**, “the meekness and gentleness of Christ”; **Heb 11:26**. “reproach of Christ.” Whether this is the intended meaning or not, Christ indeed was the supreme example of the law of love (**5:13**) in bearing in his body the burden of our sins! **Jn 15:13; 1Pt 2:24; Rom 15:3**.

The SENSE of the text favors the KJV, NKJV, ASV translations, especially if “who called us to His eternal glory by Jesus Christ after you have suffered a while” be made a parenthetical statement. The NASB sounds like God will perfect, etc. AFTER you suffer. Meyer & Lenski agree with NKJV.

“The rabbis used yoke for school...In portions of Europe today people place yokes on shoulders to make the burden easier to carry.” RWP. On “yoke” - “current phrase to express the relation of a disciple to a master ... get your learning from me; take me as your Master in religion. The thing to be learned is ... the whole truth about God and righteousness.” EGT.

“easy” - *chrEstos* “primarily signifies fit for use, able to be used” VN “Christ’s doctrine fits and satisfies our whole spiritual nature - reason, heart, conscience...” EGT. NASB font, “*comfortable or pleasant*”