Of course there are many others that we share similar views or positions such as on abortion; natural male-female roles; capital punishment etc etc.

NB: the below does not necessarily include works by Messianics supporting the Law or Baptists and others proving baptism by water etc. Rather, the list concerns mainstream theologians and researchers on a variety of doctrines that demonstrate they have – through honest research – have come to very similar conclusions on certain doctrines as the Church of God and HWA did – but utilizing indepth research and technical analysis and skills.

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Select Statements about God’s Law

"The view of faith and law reflected in this narrative is the same as that in Deuteronomy 30:11-14, where Moses said, "What I am commanding you [hammiswah hazzot, lit., ‘this command’] is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach … it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it [ubilbabeka la’asoto]." It is all so in keeping with the apostle Paul’s understanding of Deuteronomy in Romans 10, where he writes that the "word" that Moses says is "in your heart" is "the word of faith we are proclaiming" (Rom 10:8)" (pp 186-87).

"It’s significant that Abraham trusted God—and was declared righteous—before the law of Moses came. Even without the law, Abraham kept the intention or purport of the law because he lived by faith: “Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws” (Gen. 26:5). Notice the words used: these are post-Sinai law terms used in Deuteronomy (“obeyed,” “charge,” “commandments, statutes,” “laws”), yet they apply to Abraham before the law was given. The point is to show how Abraham essentially kept the law and pleased God because he lived by faith (Gen. 15:6). This connection wasn’t lost on Paul in the New Testament (Rom. 4; Gal. 3—4). As he reread the Scriptures in light of his encounter with Christ, he discovered that Abraham lived by faith and was declared righteous by God. That’s Genesis 15. In Genesis 17 came the covenant of circumcision, and over four hundred years later the law was given at Sinai. In other words, Abraham didn’t need circumcision or the law to be right with God" (p44).

"Holiness cannot be regarded as an optional luxury of a believer’s life-style. If Lev 19:2 sets the mark high at "be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy," the NT sets it just as high: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt 5:48, NIV). The standard is not abstract or philosophical but personal and concrete; it represents the very character and nature of the Lord. When Jesus urged Christians to be perfect, he was making the same demands of holiness as those found here in Leviticus 19" (Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., *the Book of Leviticus*, NIB, Vol.1, p.1136).

"This significant verse [Lev 19:2] shows that the OT law did not concern itself only with outward obedience. Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount was not giving a new spiritual meaning to the law as is often supposed. It already had the spiritual meaning. He was protesting against the Pharisaic interpretation of the law that limited it to externals" (R. Laird Harris, *Leviticus*, EBC, Vol.2. p.605).

"... in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus’ identifies one’s enemies, i.e., those who curse, hate, patronize, and persecute a believer, as the object of love (Matt 5:43-48). Jesus was both challenging the interpretation of "acquaintance" by the scribes and rabbis and also bringing out the full intent of the Levitical law" (John E. Hartley, *Leviticus*, WBC, p.325).

"Moreover, the law of love sums up and brings to perfection all the commandments of the Mosaic law (Rom 13:8-10; Gal 5:14)" (F.F. Bruce, *Romans*, TNTC, p.55).
"The law remains for Paul, as it did for the Jewish traditions of his day, the holy, just and good expression of God’s covenantal will (Rom 7:12). Indeed, Paul characterizes the law itself as "spiritual" (7:14). As the expression of God’s abiding will, it is not the law per se that kills, or any aspect or perversion of it, but the law without the Spirit, that is, the law as "letter." Devoid of God’s Spirit, the law remains to those who encounter it merely a rejected declaration of God’s saving purposes and promises, including its corresponding calls for repentance and obedience of faith. Although the law declares God’s will, it is powerless to enable people to keep it. Only the Spirit "gives life" by changing the human heart" (Scott J. Hafemann, 2 Corinthians, The NIV Application Commentary, Terry Muck, General Editor, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000), pp.132).

Considerable debate has centered on the interpretation of v.4, especially on the intended meaning of the word translated "end" (Everrett F. Harrison, Romans, EBC, Vol.10, p.110).


"The word "end" (telos) might in itself mean
(1) termination,
(2) fulfilment,
(3) aim or purpose,
which is the evident meaning of the word in 1Ti 1:5 and 1Pe 1:9. This last seems best to suit the line of thought in this place. The Jews evinced ignorance, i.e. of the real meaning and purpose of Law, in resting on it for justification. This is St. Paul’s constant position in speaking of the office of Law—that it could not and was never meant to justify, but rather to convince of sin; to establish the need of, and excite a craving for, redemption; and so prepare men to appreciate and accept the righteousness of God in Christ which was its telos (see especially ch. 7.; and cf. Gal 3:24, [Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith]. Nomos being here anarthrous, we translate it according to the rule observed in this Commentary. The apostle has, indeed, in view the Mosaic Law; but it is the principle of law, as such, that he is speaking of. He next proceeds, as elsewhere throughout the Epistle, to quote from the Old Testament in illustration of the contrast between the two principles of justification, and this with the intention of showing that even in the Pentateuch that of justification by faith was intimated, and thus that it was all along the real telos of the Law." (Pulpit Commentary).

"For "Christ is the culmination of the law, so that righteousness might be available to everyone who believes" (pers. trans). This, at least, is how I understand this controversial verse..." (Douglas Moo, Romans, NIVAC, p.330).

"Interpreters who translate "goal" divide over just how it should be taken here. A few think Paul is referring to Christ as the "inner meaning" of the law, the goal to which all the law points. But most think he is looking at the matter from a salvation-historical perspective. With the coming of Christ, the goal towards which the law was pointing has been reached. I think this latter idea is close to Paul’s point. But if we think for a minute, we will see that the idea of "end" is bound up with this meaning also...
"As a result of Christ’s coming and bringing the law to its culmination, righteousness is now available for everyone who believes. Christ opens a new phrase in salvation history, in which God extends his offer of a right relationship with himself to Gentiles as well as to Jews. Faith, apart from ethnic origins or works, is the sole basis for experiencing this gift he offers to the world" (Douglas Moo, Romans, NIVAC, pp.330-31).

"Does one wish to understand the goal, the meaning and substance, of the Old Testament law? Then study Christ. Is not the very purpose of the law the establishment of love? See Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18 (in that order); cf. Matt 22:37-39. "Is not Christ the very embodiment of that love, both in his life and in his death? And is it not true that because of this love which caused him to suffer and die in people’s stead, there now is right standing with God for everyone who reposes his trust in the Savior? Is not this the very theme of Romans?" (William Hendriksen, Romans, NTC, p.342).

"Instead of "For Christ is the goal of the law," many prefer, "For Christ is the end of the law." As a translation this can stand. The further question is, "What is meant by the Greek world telos [transliteration instead of the Greek] and the English word end? In addition to other meanings, both of these words can mean: (a) termination, finish; or (b) goal, intention, purpose, meaning and substance. However meaning (a) does not apply in the present case, for the notion that because of the work of Christ the Old Testament law has in every respect lost its usefulness, and is therefore "finished," is contrary to Paul’s teaching, as is clear from Rom 3:31; 7:7. See especially on 5:20, Vol.1 p.184).

"Accordingly, to avoid ambiguity and misunderstanding, it is probably better, even in the translation, to substitute goal for end" (William Hendriksen, Romans, NTC, p.342).

"... in view of so much misunderstanding of Paul’s theology of the law, we should stress that Paul neither says that the law as such has been brought to an end in Christ - how could he in light of such assertions as 3:31; 8:4 and 9:31? (James D. G. Dunn, Romans 9-16, WBC, p.587).

"8:4 righteous requirements of the law. The law still plays a role in the life of a believer - not, however, as a means of salvation but as a moral and ethical guide, obeyed out of love for God and by the power that the Spirit provides. This is the fulfillment of Jer 31:33-34 (a prophecy of the new covenant). fully met. Lit. "fulfilled." God’s aim in sending his Son was that believers might be enabled to embody the true and full intentions of the law. according to the Spirit. How the law’s righteous requirements can be fully met - by no longer letting the sinful nature hold sway but by yielding to the directing and empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit.

"9:31 law of righteousness. The law that prescribed the way to righteousness. Paul does not reject obedience to the law but righteousness by works, the attempt to use the law to put God in one’s debt" (NIVSB).

"Since the apostle often makes mention of God’s law, as also in the present passage, it may be useful to give a brief summary of the functions of this law, as indicated in Paul’s epistles and elsewhere in Scripture. Undoubtedly one or more references can easily be added to each of the following:

"a. to serve as a source of man’s knowledge of sin and to sharpen his consciousness of sin (Rom 3:20, etc...).
"b. to fix the sinner’s attention on the far greater power of God’s grace in Jesus Christ, and to lead him to the Savior (Rom 5:20; Gal 3:24).
"c. To serve as guide for the expression of the believer’s life of gratitude to God’s honor (Ps 19:7, 8; 119:105; Rom 7:22).
"d. to function as a bridle, restraining sin (1 Tim 1:9-11).
"There is, of course, a very close connection between these various functions" (William Hendriksen, Romans, NTC, p.184).

"I conclude that in 10:4 Paul does not intend to declare the law’s abrogation in favor of a different "system," but rather to announce that the Messiah is himself the climax of the long story of God and Israel... God’s purposes in Torah, purposes both negative and positive, have reached their goal in the Messiah... "This means, too, that there is an end, a termination, to the period of time from Moses to the Messiah... every "goal" implies a "termination of sorts..." (N. T. Wright, Romans, NIB, Vol.10, p.658).

"As the context makes clear, it is not the law as such which ceased with the new epoch brought in by Christ. But the law seen as a way of proving righteousness..." (James D. G. Dunn, Romans 9-16, WBC, p.587).

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