



“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him” (Romans 5:8-9). Jesus

died for your sin upon the cross, the worst form of execution of His time. He was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea (Luke 23:50-52). Then the most amazing thing happened. After being in the grave for three days, Jesus arose. He defeated sin and the death that it causes. This happened to show that the hand of God was in what Jesus did for you. After He was resurrected, He was seen by hundreds of people according to 1 Corinthians 15. The New Testament gives us eyewitness testimony to these events, and shows how lives were changed by it.

Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, you can defeat sin and the death sentence that it gives you! This is the “gospel,” the “good news” that God gives you and me.

The message of the gospel is what God uses to bring salvation to those who believe it and obey it (Romans 1:16). This is the only way to be saved from your sins. Jesus said “I am THE way, THE truth, THE life” and “no one comes to the Father except through ME” (John 14:6). Please consider these things. Nothing is more important than where you will spend eternity.

If you desire to know what God teaches about how to obey the gospel, or if you desire to study more about these things, please contact me as soon as possible.



Do You Meet God's Standards?



Interested in further study?

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Would you consider yourself a good person?

So many say today, "I'm a pretty good person. I haven't done anything that bad against God. God will accept me the way I am, and I would go to heaven if I died right now."

Many believe this about themselves. They feel that they have lived a life that has met the standard that God gives in the scriptures. Is this the case for you? Do you believe if you died right this instant, you would have lived a good enough life to get to heaven? Let's find out.

Compare your life with the standard God gave His people in the Ten Commandments. Do you think you have kept them?

You shall have no other gods before Me. Have you ever put anything before God; any possession, even family? God says that we need to love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). Have you done that? If you have broken this commandment by putting anything before God, you are an idolater in the sight of God.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Have you ever used God's name disrespectfully or as a cuss word? (ex. "Oh my God!") Have you used euphemisms, words such as "geez" or "gosh" that mean the same thing as saying "Jesus" or "God"? If so, you are a blasphemer in the sight of God.

You shall honor your father and your mother. Have you ever in your life disobeyed or disrespected your parents? If so, you are a rebellious child in the sight of God.



You shall not kill. Have you murdered someone? More than likely you haven't, but Jesus says hate is

murder in the heart! (Matthew 5:21-22) The Apostle John says it clearly if you hate you are a murderer (1 John 3:15). So even if you have hated someone you will be guilty of breaking this commandment. You are a murderer at heart in the sight of God.

You shall not commit adultery There are many who have broken this commandment by cheating on their spouses or by being in marriages that God doesn't approve of in His word. Jesus takes it a step farther. He says lust is adultery in the heart (Matthew 5:28). So if you have lusted, you have broken this commandment of God. You are an adulterer at heart in the sight of God.

You shall not steal. Have you done this, even something small? If so you are a thief in God's sight.

You shall not lie. Even a "little white lie" is a lie! No matter what your motive is behind telling the lie, you are still lying! Also, if you believe you have no sin, you are a liar according to God (1 John 1:8, 10).

We could look at more of God's laws you have probably broken, but I think these suffice in showing that you aren't as good as you think you are. There is no reason why you should be self-righteous! You should say along with Jesus that there is only one that is to be considered good and that is God (Luke 18:18). God is the definition of goodness.

If you have broken any of these laws just once you will be judged for doing so! You are a criminal in the sight of God. Are you going to stand before God as an idolater, a blasphemer, a rebellious child, a murderer at heart, an adulterer at heart, a thief, or a liar on Judgment Day?

The Price?

You will have to stand before the Lord in judgment for what you have done against Him. As you do so

you should not expect that He will just let you off the hook for breaking His laws, no matter when it was you committed your crimes. No just judge would let someone get off for breaking the law.



There is a sentence on your head for your sin.

There are prices to be paid for breaking the laws in this country. If you speed, you have to pay a fine. If you kill somebody you can be given a life sentence in prison or even be put to death. There is also a price to be paid for breaking God's laws. In Romans 6:23, God says "the wages of sin is death." You have a death sentence on your head! You deserve to die for your sin! When you stand before the Judge, you will be condemned and punished with what the scriptures refer to as an eternal destruction and separation from God (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). All who sin will suffer the wrath of God (Rom 1:18).

God offers mercy!

We can be thankful that God not only is a just God, but also a loving God. We deserve His condemnation for breaking His laws, but He instead has made it possible for us to not have to suffer the consequences of our sin. He does this by His GRACE and MERCY.

Grace means that God gives us what we don't deserve, which is life. **Mercy** means that He does not give us what we truly deserve, which is His wrath. We deserve death, but instead we are given life. What an amazing God! So what did God do? Two thousand years ago, God sent His Son to this earth to take upon Himself the punishment that you deserve for your sin! Jesus Christ lived an innocent life, never breaking the laws of God. He was condemned to die as an innocent man. He offered His own life in your place so you can be forgiven of your sin.