



## INTRODUCTION

A young man wakes up late for work – he is unwashed, unshaven, hair disheveled... he thinks to himself... I look fine... then he walks past the mirror. Ugh! It revealed the truth about him!

The mirror did not make him look that way – it simply revealed what he already looked like.

God's Law – *the Ten Commandments* – works in the same way – it is God's great mirror!

The Law does not create sin – it **reveals** sin.

The Law does not save – it **shows the need** for a Saviour.

**Many people reject the Gospel because they have never truly seen themselves clearly.**

*Romans 3:20 – ... for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

## 1. God's Standard for Heaven is righteousness – moral PERFECTION.

**Matthew 5:48** – *“Be ye therefore perfect... as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”*

**Matthew 7:13-14** – *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and **broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction**, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way which leadeth unto life**, and few there be that find it.”*

Jesus said that most people will perish (**go in** to Hell), and few people find life (go to Heaven).

### Swim Contest

Imagine a swimming competition across the Atlantic Ocean...

One swimmer goes 50 yards... another 500 yards... another 5 miles.

Who wins? None. The issue is not who swam farther – everyone fell short!

### Rich Young Ruler

He thought he was a good person and righteous enough. **Mark 10:17-27**

Jesus used the Law (Ten Commandments) to expose his **HEART** condition.

He left sorrowful because he knew his true condition and would not change!

### Comparing Scriptures

**Romans 3:23** – *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:”*

**James 2:10** – *“For whosoever... keep... law...**yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**”*

**John 3:18** – *“... but he that believeth not is condemned already... he hath not believed...”*

People need to know and understand they come short of God's holiness and righteousness.

## 2. God's Law reveals the TRUTH about the sinful heart condition.

**Romans 3:20** – "... for **by the law** is the knowledge of sin."

Most people minimize sin. God's Law helps people to know what their sin really looks like.

**Little Sins** **Lust** is seen as just "admiration." **Lying** is merely "stretching the truth."  
**Covetousness** is simply "ambition." Pride is only "self-confidence."

**X-Ray Machine** The doctor does not use an X-ray machine to heal a broken bone.  
The X-ray simply reveals the problem. The Law is God's spiritual X-ray.

**Paul's Testimony** "I had not known LUST, except **the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.**"  
Paul was very religious. He was zealous about the Scriptures.  
But the Commandment exposed his sinful heart! **Romans 7:7**

### Comparing Scriptures

**Mark 10:19** – "**Thou knowest THE COMMANDMENTS, Do not commit adultery, Do no kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.**"

**Romans 2:14-25** – "...when **the Gentiles... do by nature the things contained in the law...**"

### Key Truths

- God will judge the world *in righteousness* – according to His perfect standard of right!
- We already know what that looks like! Have you ever told a lie? Ever looked with lust?
- The conscience will bear witness to God's Law – "Nobody's perfect... Everybody lies..."

## 3. God's Law leads the sinner to FAITH in Jesus Christ alone.

**1 Timothy 1:8** – "**But we know that the law is good, if a man USE IT lawfully;**"

**Galatians 3:24** – "**Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ...**"

### Key Truths

- The purpose of the Law is to leave the whole world (not just Jews) guilty before God!
- The Law does not help us... it leaves us helpless. It helps sinners to see their crimes.

**Reality Check** People think they are ok – "good enough" to get to Heaven.  
Jesus Christ is the only way. He was the only one "good enough" – Amen!

**Drowning Person** A drowning person may think he can make it and therefore refuses help.  
When he realizes he cannot save himself, he reaches for the rescuer.  
The Law brings people to that **MOMENT** of realization. The "ah-ha"...

### Comparing Scriptures

**Psalms 19:7** – "**The law of the LORD is perfect, CONVERTING the soul...**"

**Rom 3:19** – "...**every mouth may be stopped...all the world may become GUILTY before God.**"

**Rom 10:4** – "...**Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to EVERY ONE that believeth.**"

**This week...** Pray daily for lost people. Ask God for boldness. Carry Gospel tracts everywhere.  
Start one spiritual conversation with someone. Begin living intentionally for Christ.

## **BIBLICAL EVANGELISM**

### **Using the Divine Law**

#### **The Ten Commandments**

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect converting the soul...

- #1      Thou shalt have no other gods before me**  
*(Has God always been #1 – always and at all times – in your life?)*
  
- #2      Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**  
*(Have you ever worshipped anything other than God?)*
  
- #3      Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain**  
*(Have you ever used your lips to dishonor God?)*
  
- #4      Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy**  
*(Have you ever neglected the things of God?)*
  
- #5      Honor thy father and thy mother**  
*(Have you ever dishonored your parents?)*
  
- #6      Thou shalt not kill – in the NT God equates hatred with murder**  
*(Have you ever hated someone?)*
  
- #7      Thou shalt not commit adultery – in the NT Jesus considers lust the same**  
*(Have you ever looked upon a woman or man with lust?)*
  
- #8      Thou shalt not steal**  
*(Have you ever stolen anything or cheated on a test?)*
  
- #9      Thou shalt not bear false witness (lie)**  
*(Have you ever told a lie?)*
  
- #10     Thou shalt not covet**  
*(Have you ever wanted what others have?)*

**Here is how to use the Divine Law (the Ten Commandments) as an evangelistic tool when speaking to an unsaved person:**

- The Bible says that on Judgment Day, God will judge every person according to His perfect standard of righteousness.
- God has given us a simple way to know what that standard is – we know it as the Ten Commandments.

**NOTE** God has also written His perfect standard on the heart of all people and has given every person a conscience which will testify of what is right and wrong.

- Let me ask you a question...have you ever told a lie?
- **ANSWER: Yes**
- What does that make you?
- **ANSWER: A liar**
- Have you ever stolen anything...regardless of its value...or cheated on a test?
- **ANSWER: Yes**
- What do you call someone who steals stuff?
- **ANSWER: A thief** (not a "stealer"...that is someone who plays football in Pittsburgh)
- Have you ever used God's name as a curse word?
- **ANSWER: Yes**
- The Bible calls that **blasphemy**. Do you know what you are doing? You are taking the name of the Creator who has given you life and breath...and you are using it as a filth word to express disgust. If you used my mom's name as a curse word, how do you think that would make me feel? How much more God the Righteous Judge.
- Jesus said that if you look with lust upon another person, you have committed **adultery** in your heart. Have you ever **looked with lust**?
- **ANSWER: Yes**
- John, **by your own admission**, you are a **lying, thieving, blaspheming, adulterer** at heart (and we have only looked at 4 of the Ten Commandments) and you are going to face God on Judgment Day.
- John, **when YOU** face God on Judgment day and He judges **YOU** based on the Ten Commandments, will **YOU** be **INNOCENT** or **GUILTY** of breaking God's Law?
- **ANSWER: Guilty**

**NEXT WEEK:** So, will you go to Heaven or Hell?