

### 3. The Mirror

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#### Suggested Reading

Ascol, Thomas K. *Truth and Grace Memory Book*. Ft. Myers, FL: Founders Press, 2005

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Explain the basis of the law's binding nature
2. Explain the first use of the law

#### I. Review

- A. What does the law reveal to us
- B. What are the 3 types of law
- C. Which still applies completely today?
- D. What are the 3 uses of the law?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

#### II. The Mirror

- A. What does a mirror do?
  - 1.
  2.
    - a) Show use what we cannot easily see
      - (1) Dentist uses a mirror to see behind teeth
      - (2) Mechanic uses a mirror to look under parts to check things

#### III. The Law as Mirror

- A. HC 3 How do you come to know your misery? A. The law of God tells me
  1. Romans 7:7 "If it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin."
- B. Paul and the Law
  1. Paul uses the Greek *nomos* or "law:"
    - a)
    - b)
    - c)
    - d)
- C. Law v. Sin
- D. Law taught Paul what sin is vv. 11-13
  1. Sin deceived Paul and condemned him to death
  2. Law is holy, righteous, and good
  3. Sin brought death
- E. V. 18 Nothing good dwells in Paul
  1. The law taught him this
- F. Is Paul saying that, without knowledge of the law, you cannot sin?
  1. Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness

suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

#### IV. What is sin?

A. WSC 14 “Sin is any want of conformity unto or transgression of the law of God

1. Want of Conformity

a) Sin of \_\_\_\_\_

b) You *DO NOT* what the law tells you *TO DO*

2. Transgression of

a) Sin of \_\_\_\_\_

b) You *DO* what the law tells you *NOT TO DO*

B. If there were no law, there would be no sin

1. Law was written on our hearts

#### V. What happened to sin?

A. Antinomianism → Low view of sin

B. Psalm 51

C. The church divided law and gospel unbiblically.

1. Removed the mirror use of the law

2. Emphasized the love and grace of God

D. Stopped teaching that sin is separation from God, never embraced Christ’s Death as satisfaction for God’s just and eternal wrath against their sin.

1. “We ought to imitate the prophets, who conveyed the doctrine of the law in such a manner as to draw from it advice, reproof, and consultations, which they applied to the present condition of the people.” - John Calvin

E. Proverbs 6:23 “The commandment is a lamp; and the law is a light”

#### VI. Law as a Mirror Pt. 2

A. Reveals face of God

B. The law reveals us

C. The Law forbids we fool ourselves