

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 1-23-22
Christianity 101 – Message 24 Part 1
Do you want to know if you are good enough?

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking a look back:
 - 1) Make sure you don't forget the principle of transformation.
 - 2) The Eagle imagery – Freedom From – Freedom In – Freedom To
 - b. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) Why did God give the 10 commandments? (Johnnie, Picture of Mount Sinai)
 - 2) God is expanding the reach of the truth!
 - 3) The commandments address the I can be “good enough” lie.
2. Israel promised to obey the Lord: Exodus 19:7-8
 - a. What do you think of their answer?
 - b. Maybe they are thinking:
 - 1) They could obey God good enough that He would prosper them in everything.
3. Get Ready, God is Coming Down: Exodus 19:9-11
 - a. Take a bath and change your clothes:
 - b. Keep your distance: Exodus 19:12-13, 20-25
 - 1) Staying away from Mount Sinai was a matter of life or death –
 - 2) What does this mean?
 - a) God was teaching the people the distance between a holy God and sinful men and women.
 - 3) The O.T. emphasized man's sinfulness and God's holiness and the N.T. the nearness of God.
 - c. God come down! Exodus 19:16-19; 20:18-20 (Johnnie picture of Mount Sinai and people)
 - 1) A storm is often a symbol of the awesome presence and power of God. Psalm 18:1-15
 - 2) We are moving into a critical part of the journey – God's Commandments.
4. Why the Ten Commandments?
 - a. Why? The Law converts the soul: Psalm 19:7
 - 1) What does the Psalmist reveal about the worth and value of a soul? Psalms 49:1-9
 - b. Why? Because the Law reveals sin: Romans 7:7
 - 1) The Law enables us to see what sin is and to clearly see OUR sin.
 - 2) James 2:10 – important to understand.
 - c. Why? Because the Law stops your mouth: Romans 3:19-20
 - 1) “that every mouth may be stopped” -
 - 2) “for by the law is the knowledge of sin” –
 - d. Why? Because the Law brings us to Christ: Galatians 3:24
 - 1) “the law was our schoolmaster” –
5. The Law is NOT a way of salvation.
 - a. The Law was never given as a way of salvation for either Jews or Gentiles.
 - 1) Galatians 2:16 – “for by the works of the law shall NO FLESH be justified.”
 - b. Salvation is not a reward for good works but it is the gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - 1) Romans 4:5 –
 - 2) Ephesians 2:8-9 –
 - c. The Law reveals God's righteousness and demands righteousness, but it can't give righteousness.
 - 1) Galatians 2:21 –

- 2) I Corinthians 5:21 –
- d. The Law is a mirror that reveals where you are dirty, but you don't wash your face with the mirror.
 - 1) James 1:22-25 –
 - 2) The purpose of the mirror is to look at yourself to make sure you are clean and right.
 - 3) We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:18-19
- e. God doesn't give His Spirit to us because we obey the Law:
 - 1) Galatians 3:2 –
 - 2) Galatians 4:1-7
- f. The one thing the dead (people) sinners need is life.
 - 1) Ephesians 2:1-3 –
 - 2) Galatians 3:21 –
- g. Can you see better the purpose of the Law?
- 6. Jesus used the Law to help people see their need of Him
 - a. John 4 – the woman at the well
 - b. Mark 10 – the Rich young Ruler
- 7. Today's Take Away:
 - a. Using the law helps to make the Gospel make sense to people.
 - b. Are you like the woman at the well or the rich young ruler?