

I am thankful that God in His amazing grace chose to reach out to me late one night while I was praying and save my soul.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.”

(John 3:16-17)

Charles Spurgeon said “if men do not understand the Law they will not feel that they are sinners.”

CLOSING THOUGHT

Now that you have an understanding of what sin is, I pray that you will humble yourself and admit to Jesus that you are a sinner and repent and turn away from your sinful behavior. I pray that you will come to know Jesus as your personal Savior before it is eternally too late. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

The only unforgivable sin is the sin of un-belief.

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ARE YOU A SINNER?



WHAT IS SIN?

WHY DID GOD GIVE MAN THE 10 COMMANDMENTS ?

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God knew that man would have no salvation without the knowledge of what sin is. He provided man with the 10 commandments (or the Law) so that man could understand what sin is. What is sin? Sin is when you willfully violate God's perfect law it can be summed up as anything contrary to God's Holy will. God cannot abide sin in any form for any reason, He will not tolerate sin no matter how justified we may think it is at the time. Man seems to think that sin that does not hurt anyone, such as our little "white lies" doesn't count, WRONG! our little "white lies" are a sin against God just like killing another person is a sin against God. Sin is sin!

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COMMANDMENTS

I Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy

cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI Thou shalt not kill

VII Thou shalt not commit adultery

VIII Thou shalt not steal.

IX Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

In Romans 7:7 the Apostle Paul asks, "what shall we say then? Is the Law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary I would not have known sin except through the Law." Have you ever broken one of the 10 commandments or the Law? No man or woman can say they have never sinned. "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."(Romans 3:23) Only one man who ever lived could answer no to this question, He was our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. Everyone else on earth has broken most of the 10 commandments many times. The Laws main purpose is not for the saved, but for the unsaved or lost. "The Law is not made for a "righteous person, but for sinners." (1Tim 1:9)

The Law was given to show all men that they are sinners "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the Law is the knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20) Romans 2:15 says "who show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves. Their thoughts accusing or else excusing them." Martin Lloyd-Jones said, "the trouble with people who are not seeking for a Savior, and for salvation, is that they do not understand the nature of sin."

The word conscience means knowledge, so each time we steal, blaspheme, commit adultery, etc., we do it with the knowledge that it is wrong.

The function of the Law is to bring this understanding to man's mind and conscience. When the Law is used to appeal to the conscience and bring the knowledge of sin, the Holy Spirit is working to convince people of their transgressions. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit "will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

(John 16:8 paraphrased)

When the Holy Spirit convicts us, He shows us what the Law really is. If the Law does not have a part in bringing a lost sinner to Christ why did the Apostle Paul say that the Law was instrumental in his conversion?

Since I have been converted by God's amazing grace I find it appalling that the world has so thoroughly rejected God, and chooses to ignore the Good News of the Gospel. "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." (John 1:10-11)

Jesus paid for your sins and my sins, and the sins of the world with His death on the cross.