



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 _____.

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 _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ 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?