

Week 2 Evangelism: The Law

A true presentation of the gospel includes: **GOD** – **LAW** – **GOSPEL**

Today we want to unpack the 2nd part, **LAW**.

- When we say the **Law** we mean the _____ that God is in fact the Righteous & Requirement...
- Without the **Law**, people are unable to _____ that there is a standard to be met and that the standard is absolute perfection.
- The **Law** is a small reflection of the perfectly holy character of God. The reason it is wrong to lie, cheat, and steal, etc. is because **God's character** is in **direct opposition** to these things.
- The **Law** then becomes the _____ of what we must be (*holy, perfect*) in order to be _____. Therefore, the Law becomes the visible standard of righteousness.
- The **Law** is also the _____ that we are _____ of being what we need to be. The law shows that we are sinful, separated from God and unable to meet the standard.
- The **Law** _____ that we are utterly and entirely _____ in our own strength, power, wisdom and goodness to meet the standard and escape the punishment.
- The **Law** shows that the penalty for failing to meet the righteous and holy demands of God is the punishment of **physical, spiritual & eternal** _____.

The chronology & purpose of the Law in the Old Testament!

(*Ex 3:13, Ex 5:2, Ex 14:4, Ex 19:11, Ex 19:11-12, Ex 19:23, Ex 19:3, Ex 19:5-8, Lev 11:45, Ex 20:14-17, Ex 19:12-13, Ex 21:15-17, Deut 25:2-3, Lev 16:15-16, Lev 16:18-19, 29-30*)

Personal Notes:

Who is God? God is _____ God is _____ God is _____

What does God require? Full _____ Total _____ Moral _____

What is the penalty? Death & lashes.

What is the way of escape? An acceptable, substitutionary blood sacrifice present by the priest.

Summary:

- God is absolutely holy, separate, high & lifted up & utterly beyond us.
- God requires total obedience & complete holiness in everything always.
- The punishment for lacking total obedience & holiness is death.
- The way of escape is an acceptable, substitutionary blood sacrifice.

The basic purpose of the Law in the New Testament!

(Rom 12:13, Jam 2:10, Rom 3:20, Rom 3:20, 7:7, Rom 3:19, Rom 2:14-16, Rom 3:21-22, Rom 3:23-25)

Personal Notes:

Summary:

1. There are **certain truths** that an unbeliever must **hear, understand** and **believe** about **God-Man-Sin-Christ-Salvation** etc. in order to be able to have saving faith.
2. It appears that the **major truths** that someone must **hear, understand** and **believe** can be put in the categories of **God-Law-Gospel**.
3. It appears that the **most significant truths** that someone **must know about God** in order to understand the message of salvation is God as **Author, Authority, Righteous, Requirement, Judge & Justifier**.
4. People are not able to understand **how holy God is**, and **how we utterly fall short** of the righteous requirement of God without some **visible display of that standard**, which we are calling **the law**.
5. The law **shows a small portion** of (1) **who God is** & (2) **what God requires** in order to be counted as righteous & acceptable to him.
6. The law was **not intended** to help us become acceptable to God, because no one can obey it completely in everything always (which is what God demands).
7. The law shows us (1) **how utterly sinful we are** and (2) **how totally incapable we are** of being what we need to be in order to be acceptable to God.
8. The law proves that (1) **we are all guilty** and (2) **all deserve the punishment** for breaking the law, which is **physical, spiritual** and **eternal death**.
9. The law leads us to the end of ourselves and shows us that we are desperately lost and helpless to save ourselves. The law leaves us **desperate for One who can meet the demands of the law**.
10. The law eventually shows us that **there is One**, (1) **who has meet the righteous requirements** of the law completely and has (2) **paid the debt** to God in full, via an acceptable, substitutionary blood sacrifice...and his name is Jesus!