



The Bible Speaks

THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

J. Edgar Hoover once stated that we are losing the battle against crime. In the last few months the increase in juvenile crime has skyrocketed. Law enforcement officers are gravely concerned with the disregard that the American people show to the laws of the land.

The newspapers tell us of a multitude of terrible crimes that occur daily in our communities. What is causing the American people to be so lawless? **Look Magazine**, in an article that surveyed the moral depravity of the society today, analysed the situation correctly when it stated that there is no longer a moral standard to guide the modern generation.

Even some religious leaders here and abroad are advocating a type of living that is far contrary to that which is taught in the Word of God. From many pulpits the people have been told, "The law of God has been abolished, so why worry about that old yoke of bondage." Many Christians state that it is impossible to keep God's law, so why try?

Persons who advocate the nullification of the law are sincere but mistaken. When we remove the standard of right and wrong, it is not long until society will abandon all moral principles. We are reaping the fruitage today of the teaching and guidance that some churches gave society yesterday. The Psalmist said, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law." Psalm 119:126.

Let us have a good look at what the Bible teaches concerning our relationship to law and grace. We will then be in a position to understand the seriousness of the undermining of God's standard of righteousness.

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1. What does the law of God do for the soul? **Psalm 19:7**

The Bible Answer: _____

2. What does the law do for the sinner? **Romans 3:19,20**

The Bible Answer: _____

3. What helped Paul to recognize sin in his life? **Romans 7:7**

The Bible Answer: _____

4. Where is the command referred to by Paul found? **Exodus 20:17**

The Bible Answer: _____

NOTE: The Ten Commandments are given in **Exodus 20:3-17**

5. What does the Bible say sin is? **1 John 3:4**

The Bible Answer: _____

6. When there is no law, or the law is abolished, what happens to sin?
Romans 4:15

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: God gave His perfect law to point out sin. In the Ten Commandments we have the perfect rule of right living. To the sinner it brings a conviction of sin. To the Christian It serves as a standard of right living. It cannot save from sin - it can only bring a conviction of sin so that the sinner might feel his need of Christ and come to Him for salvation.

7. Why was it necessary that Christ should die for our sins when we have the law? **Galatians 3:21,22**

The Bible Answer: _____

8. By what then are we saved from our sins? **Ephesians 2:8,9**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: Grace is defined to be "unmerited favour." It is something that we cannot earn, nor do we deserve it. It is the free gift of God.

9. How do we receive this gift of grace? **Romans 6:23**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: It was by Jesus taking our place upon the cross that the debt of our sins was paid. We will be treated in the judgement as He should have been because of His perfect life of obedience.

10. How does Paul indicate that one saved by grace will not continue to live in sin? **Romans 6:1,2,14,15**

The Bible Answer: _____

11. How does our acceptance of Christ through faith affect our relationship to the law? **Romans 3:31**

The Bible Answer: _____

12. What does antagonism to the law reveal is wrong with the individual? **Romans 8:7**

The Bible Answer: _____

13. How will the born-again person show his love for God? **1 John 5:1-3**

The Bible Answer: _____

14. What does the Bible say about the person who professes to know Christ and yet refuses to obey Him? **1 John 2:1-4**

The Bible Answer: _____

15. What will be the attitude of the person who has been saved by God's matchless grace? **Psalm 40:8**

The Bible Answer: _____

One night in an evangelistic meeting a young man, who had been the town drunk, responded to the appeal made and came forward giving his life to Christ. When asked how he would solve the problems that faced him, he replied that he did not know, but he was determined to give himself to God.

His question was not, "How much must I give up to become a Christian?" It was, "How much can I do for Christ who did so much for me?" You see, Christ had taken full possession of that man's heart because a full surrender had been made. He had responded to the challenge of the Master when He said, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23

If you have not as yet accepted Christ as your Saviour, do it now. Go to the law of God and discover that you are a sinner. Learn from the Bible that the wages of sin is death. Realize that your only hope for cleansing and salvation is found in Christ and His death for your sins. Then, come and kneel by faith and go forth to live for Him. This is the only way you can find peace and happiness for your soul.

(If you wish to respond to these questions, place a cross in the boxes.)

I want to accept all of God's grace.

I want God to help me to become an obedient child of His.

Name: _____

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