

The Ten Commandments provide macro principles of God's moral law. The Bible contains many other commandments and laws that are further instruction on the micro level. Morality is from God and not by human standards or society. Jesus came to fulfill the Law because no man has kept the law. The Law serves to define God's character and demonstrates our sin. As a result of our sin, we have no hope of salvation by keeping the Law. Therefore, it is God's plan that we receive salvation by the work of Jesus on the Cross and allow Him to atone for our sin. God still calls us to keep His commandments, but now as believers, we do it by the power of Jesus and out of love to please God and a desire to be obedient to Him and in Him.

- Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."
- Rom 8:1-4 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- Rom 8:1-2 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
- Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.
- Gal 3:24 Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
- Matt 5:19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- Rom 13:8-10 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

**Discussion Item 1:** *Are you saved by works or by faith?*

**Discussion Item 2:** *How do you respond to your failures of the Law?*

**Life Application:** *identify what role the Law serves in your walk with God.*

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**Helpful Definition:**

faith- A secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God's will. The faith of the gospel is the emotion of the mind which is called "trust" or "confidence" exercised toward the moral character of God, and particularly of the Savior. (Webster)

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**Notes:**

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**Proverb 22:19** So that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you today, even you.

**Psalms 119:91** They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all *are* Your servants.