

Everyday **FAITH** Family Page

Fear, Love & Trust

Law/Gospel

Like Adam and Eve and the Israelites, I reject God's Law, written on my heart and in the Ten Commandments. **In grace, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to keep the Law perfectly in my place and to pay the debt I owe for my sins by suffering and dying in my place and rising again.**

Take-Home Point

God commands that I love Him and others.

Bible Words

Love is the fulfilling of the law.
Romans 13:10

From the Catechism Questions 14 and 17

[God] wrote the Law on [people's] hearts. Later He arranged the Law in Ten Commandments, wrote it on two tables of stone, and made it known through Moses. . . . Love is the summary of all the commandments.

Just Joking

Where does the Bible first mention medicine?

Where God gave Moses two tablets (Exodus 31:18)

God Gives the Law

Exodus 19–20

God miraculously freed the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. He led them across the Red Sea on dry ground and crushed their Egyptian pursuers. God faithfully led the people with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night. He met their physical needs with water and daily deliveries of manna and quail.

At Mount Sinai, God tended to their spiritual needs by giving them His Law, the Ten Commandments, inscribed on two stone tablets for Moses.

As He did for the Israelites, our Lord expects us to keep the Law perfectly in every way and at all times. This is not to rob our freedom or pleasure. On the contrary, God gave His good Law to protect us from the consequences of sin and guide us in a rich, full life.

Our inborn sinful nature reacts negatively to God's faithfulness and Law: we grumble, rebel, and fail to keep God's Law in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We sinners cannot and will not comply or submit.

Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior, embodies God's Law and fulfills it perfectly. Jesus obeyed God's Law without failure or flaw. He obeyed His Father before all others. He set aside time from His daily work to pray and worship. He honored His earthly parents, never spoke falsely against another, and lived contentedly with what His Father gave Him.

Yet Jesus is more than a mere example; He kept the Law perfectly in our place so that God would count His life in place of our sin-filled lives.

With no sin of His own for which to suffer, Jesus' love for sinners compelled Him to the cross to pay for our sin. Jesus took our sin-soaked record to the cross, bore its shame and death, and died for the sins of all people. In His resurrection, God accepted His payment. Through faith, we receive Jesus' sacrifice and the benefits He won for us: forgiveness of sin and eternal life with Him forever.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice that set us free from sin and death and gives us new life with You. Amen.

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