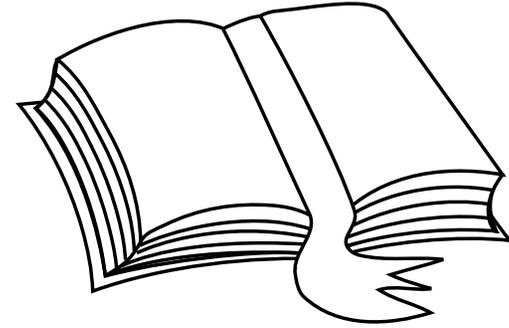


- E. What are some of our ideas about ourselves and the world that may make it hard for us to receive the free gift that God wants to give us?

## NOTES



## JESUS AND GOD'S LAW

### SECTION I. Introduction

- A. Do people give us gifts because we deserve them?
- B. What was the best gift anyone ever gave you?
- C. Why was it so wonderful?

SECTION II. Because God wanted men to know how He wanted us to live, He gave the Law (the Ten Commandments) to Moses. These Ten Commandments can also be expressed as the two Great Commandments that Jesus gave us. Read these in Matthew 22:35-40. Jesus said that we must obey these commandments.

- A. Now read Matthew 5:48.
  - 1. What does this verse say we must do?
  - 2. Do you think it is possible for us to do that?
  - 3. If we seriously try to do that, what do you think the result will be?

B. Read Matthew 5:17-20.

1. What position in God's Kingdom will we have if we set aside God's Law (Moses' Teachings)?
2. What kind of a life must we lead?

SECTION III. It seems as if Jesus is giving us the same rules that we read about in the Old Testament. He is telling us that He expects us to be perfect and never to do wrong. He seems to be asking us to do what we know we cannot do, no matter how hard we try. We know that we do wrong things; we even think wrong things. God has an answer to the problem.

A. Read Isaiah 53:6.

1. What does every one of us do?
2. What would we think God would do or say when we sin?
3. What does God actually do?

B. Read Isaiah 53:4-5.

1. What did Jesus do for us?
2. What words show that Jesus did this because He chose to do it?
3. What is the result in our lives?

C. Read Galatians 3:10-14.

1. If we try to live by the Law and gain God's approval by obeying it, what happens to us?
2. (optional question) Can we possibly gain God's approval by obeying the Law?
3. How is it possible for us to be free of the curse of obeying the Law and receive God's approval?
4. What four things happen as a result of our faith in Christ?

SECTION IV. What Jesus did is truly *Good News!* Romans 6:23 says: "The reward for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord." Read Galatians 2:16.

- A. According to this verse how do people try to gain God's approval?
- B. What is actually the only way to receive God's approval?
- C. How does God's free gift change how we think about our relationship to God and His Law?
- D. How might it change our thinking about how to live?