

THE MOSAIC LAW CANNOT SAVE!

In our last lesson we studied God's Purpose for Law and Salvation. We learned that the Mosaic Law (ML) was not designed to save mankind, but rather to point out his need for salvation – outside of himself. We learned that that “something outside of himself” was the Person and Work of Jesus Christ and not his! Grace salvation and NOT by the Law (Gal.2:16).

We also learned from the Rich Young Ruler of (Lk.18:18-27) that God's Righteousness and Eternal Life come from faith in Jesus Christ and not from keeping the law.

Absolute Righteousness (+R) [One attribute of the essence of God] is imputed by God's grace to every person the moment he / she believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (**2 Cor.5:21**; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

<p>We will continue this lesson by studying <u>three aspects</u> of why the Mosaic Law Cannot Save.</p>
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1. Once again the Greek grammar of our lesson text is important to show that the Mosaic Law cannot save.

The Greek grammar of (1 Tim.1:8-9) makes Paul's argument.

(1 Tim.1:8-9) “**We know that** the law **is good** if one uses it properly. (vs.9) we also **know that** the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers”

Better defining the Greek text:

“We know **Oida** [to know absolutely] (perf.a.ind of horao) and **hoti (that) the Law is good** (kalos). Then Paul used (oida) again to expand his argument in vs.9 “we also know” (**oida**) [realizing] (a.a.ptc/ application) (**hoti (that)** “the law is not made for a righteous person”.

What then is the (kalos) good of the Law?

- The Law is intrinsically good because it comes from God.
- It is good spiritually because it shows man that he cannot save himself from the curse of Adamic Sin. (AOS) (Rom.5:12-21).
- It is also spiritually good because it points man to the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only answer to resolving the curse of Adamic Sin (AOS) under which he / she was born. (Rom.3:20-25; Gal.3:24-25).

2. Listen to Paul's theological conclusion as an expert of the Mosaic Law:

(Phil.3:9) “And may be found in Him, **not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but through that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on basis of faith.**”

While dining with Matthew, the teachers of the Law chided Jesus' disciples for dining with a Jewish tax collector. Their prejudice labeled Matthew **a sinner** (Matt.9:9-13). Pay attention to what Jesus told these teachers of the Law (Matt.9:12-13/ Hos.6:6; Matt.12:1-8/ Deut.23:24-25; **1 Tim.1:6-7**) (**sinner**/ Luke 15:7. 10; 18:9-14; Rom.5:8; 1 Tim.1:15).

(Matt.5:20) "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

(Gal.2:21) "I do not nullify the grace of God, **for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."**

(Rom.3:21-24) "**But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested**, being witnessed by the Law and Prophets, even **the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe**; for there is no distinction, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."

3. James gives a standard for keeping the Law. The whole law must be kept perfectly. You cannot pick and choose like the Rich Young Ruler did of Matt.18:18-25.

(James 2:10) "For **whoever** (hostis/ relative preposition / nsm) [the subject of three verbs] **keeps** (tereo/ a.a.subj.3ps) the **whole law and** (de/adversative) **stumbles** (ptaio/ a.a.subj.3ps) **in one point, he has become** (ginomai/ perf.a.ind.3ps) **guilty** (enochos/ nsm/ pred.adj.) **of all."**

Jesus reminded the Jews that the intent of the Mosaic Law carried the same weight:

- Love (James 2:8-9)
- Murder (Matt.5:21-22)
- Adultery (Matt.5:27-28; 15:17-20)

(Heb.7:19) "For **the Law made nothing perfect**, on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God." (Heb.7:22, 27)

(Acts.13:39) "And through Him **everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses."**

(Gal.2:16) "Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, so that we may be **justified by faith in Christ** and not by works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified."

None, not one man or woman can be justified or made righteous by works of the Law, but only by Grace through faith in gospel of Jesus Christ. These are two of the nine communion factors of the crucifixion blood of Jesus Christ ([SEE 50 Things FREE](#))