



LAW AND GOSPEL



THE LAW OF GOD, written in the Ten Commandments, is found in the Bible, in Exodus chapter 20, verses 3-17. In the commandments God forbids the worshipping of false gods, blaspheming His name, using the Lord's Day wrongly, and disobeying parents. Also forbidden are murder, adultery, stealing, lying, and covetousness. God your Lawgiver requires that you obey these commandments in your thoughts, words and actions. Sadly, we continually disobey them. Disobedience to the law of God is great wickedness and God therefore warns us: "The wicked shall be turned into hell" (Psalm 9:17). Make no mistake, when you die, hell is your inevitable and eternal abode where you will be eternally punished under the awful wrath of God because of your disobedience.

On the other hand, the Gospel is the declaration by God that He sent Jesus Christ, His Son, into the world to save multitudes of people from going to hell and bring them to the eternal happiness of

heaven. Jesus did that by obeying the Law of God for His people and was punished instead of them when He took the wrath of God due to them and died on the Cross of Calvary as their Saviour.

In the Gospel, God commands you to believe in His Son as the only Saviour who will save you from going to hell. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Only through your trusting in Christ will God save you from the eternal prison of hell, and accept you as fit for heaven. There is no other way to heaven. Jesus Christ said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Be assured, on the authority of the unerring Word of God, that when you trust in Christ for salvation you will be truly saved.

Are you saved? Most solemnly, the Word of God declares that the person who will be found unsaved on the Day of Judgment will hear the Judge say about him: "Bind him hand and foot, and take him away,

and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 22:13).

Dear reader, it is time to consider these solemn and dreadful realities and your need of having the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

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