

## Sin and The Law

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Gen 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 – “and God saw that it was good.” Whenever God creates, it is good. When he saw everything he created together working in harmony, it was “very good.”

1 John 3:4 – Sin is the breaking of the law. Sin is the definition of what happens when we go outside of God’s law. The law defines what sin is.

Rom 6:23 – The wages of sin is death. All sin leads to death, death is the consequence of sin. All death results from sin. Death is bad, therefore God didn’t create it. It exists outside of God and outside His law.

Rom 3:23 – All humankind has sinned, therefore we are all under the consequence of sin which is death. Sin is falling short of the glory of God. So therefore falling short of the glory of God is going outside of His law. So His Law is the standard for His glory.

Exodus 33:18-23; 34:5-7 – God’s glory is His name, His name is his character, so God’s glory is His character. Therefore, God’s Law is the standard for His character. Said another way, God’s Law defines his character.

Isaiah 59:1-2 – Our sins have separated us from God. Sin separates from God. When we sin, we are pulling away from God. God the gentleman gives us free will to do this.

John 15:1-9 – When we are connected to Jesus, we have life. We produce fruit (good works) as the natural consequence of being plugged into Him, just like a lamp produces light when it’s plugged into electricity. When we are not connected to Jesus, we wither and die. Outside of Jesus, there is no life. Just as the vine wouldn’t be killing a branch that pulled itself away, or as the electricity wouldn’t kill the light of a lamp if the lamp unplugs, so too it is the disconnection to God (sin) that leads to our death and destruction. Outside of being connected to Jesus, we cannot produce any good works.

Matt 22:34-40 – Love God and love your neighbor are the two foundational commandments of the law. The other commandments are all based on these foundational commandments.

Rom 13:8-10 - Love is the ultimate foundation of the law. Loving God and loving others stem naturally from this. The 10 commandments all stem from Loving God (the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 commandments) and loving others (the last 6 commandments).

Exodus 20:1-17 – The 10 commandments, written by God directly. The 10 commandments are a more detailed explanation of loving God (the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 commandments) and loving others (the last 6 commandments).

Matt 5:21-22, 27-28 – The spirit of the law goes deeper than the 10 commandments. The law do not murder goes deeper – hate is the beginning of murder, therefore do not hate is part of do not murder. One cannot hate and trash and spit on someone else without violating this commandment. The other commandments also go deeper.

Matt 5:17-18 – Jesus came to fulfill and open up the deep truths of the law to us. His 2 great commandments of loving God and loving others did not replace or do away with the law, they were summaries of the law. His expounding on hate and lust did not do away with murder and adultery, it took them deeper.

1 John 4:7-8 – God is love. When we are connected to God, we love. If we do not love, we are not connected to Him. When we love, we are not sinning. When we love, we are obeying God's law. His law is the standard for and definition of both love and His character.