

YOUR TWO CHOICES FOR ETERNITY!

The Bible reveals that there is a future Day of Judgment, where we must all give an account of our lives to God.

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." - Hebrews 9:27.

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." - Romans 14:12.

In light of this sobering truth, I ask, **What choice will you make for eternity?**

Most people respond, "I am a good person, so I will go to heaven." Does this response agree with the Bible? Let's measure yourself against

GOD'S MORAL STANDARD – THE LAW OF TEN COMMANDMENTS: -

God's Moral Law of Ten Commandments, is the standard of right and wrong to live by. It gives to us the knowledge of what sin is, and it is also the standard which God judges us by.

"What shall we say then? is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of **concupiscence** ["to covet or lust after, to desire or covet" - "**concupiscence**" defined by Webster's 1828 Dictionary - compilers]. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." - Romans 7:7 - 9.

"If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. **For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.** For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." - James 2:8 - 12.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - EXODUS 20:3 - 17: -


1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

NOTE: - The Fourth Commandment, tells us twice that the Sabbath of the LORD thy God is the seventh day [that is, Saturday]. God told us to remember it, because He knew that people would forget it!

THE "GOOD PERSON" SELF ASSESSMENT TEST: -


- Have you ever stolen anything in your life?

- Have you ever looked with lust upon another person, other than your spouse? [If we do this, we have committed adultery in the heart - See Matthew 5:28].
- Have you ever told a lie? Even a supposed "white lie"?
- Have you ever hated somebody? [The Bible classes hatred as being murder in the heart - See 1st John 3:15].
- Have you ever used God's name as a cuss word? Have you ever used the common expression "DMG"? This is taking God's name in vain, and violates the 3rd Commandment.

 If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, you have judged yourself honestly. You stand self-condemned as transgressing God's Moral Law of Ten Commandments. This is the condition of all humanity [except Jesus Christ]. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23.

On the Day of Judgment - Guilty or Innocent? **Guilty!**

"For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." - Romans 6:23.

 **On the Day of Judgment, will you receive the Second Death in the Lake of Fire? Or, the gift of Eternal Life in Heaven?**

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION TO OUR COMMON PREDICAMENT?

Our violation of God's Moral Ten Commandments is a life and death issue which is established from the fall of Adam and Eve.

Our first parents Adam and Eve were created perfect, "God hath made man upright," - Ecclesiastes 7:29; and they were placed in the Garden of Eden, to enjoy the paradise of God. There was no sin, suffering, pain or death in this paradise. When God had finished His work of creation, it is recorded that, "God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good." - Genesis 1:31.

God placed only one restriction upon the holy pair, which if transgressed would bring death. "But of the tree of the knowledge

of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." – Genesis 2:17.

In the next chapter of the Book of Genesis, we find that they did disobey this command of God, and consequently God pronounced the death sentence upon our first parents. "And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, *and* did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ... till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return." – Genesis 3:6 & 19. From that time forward, our world has been full of sin, suffering, pain and death.

Would a parent if they could save their child's life, by giving up their own life do so? Most loving parents would indeed do this to protect their children. Our Creator loved us so much, that He gave His dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to come into this world of sin and suffering, and Jesus received the full penalty for our sins, when He was scourged, crucified, and died upon the cross.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." – John 3:16.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." – Romans 5:8.

"But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." – Isaiah 53:5 & 6.

Jesus was a sinless sacrifice for our sins. "For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin" – 2nd Corinthians 5:21.

"Christ also suffered for us, ... Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" – 1st Peter 2:21 & 22.

☞ Jesus chose to suffer and die the most agonizing, excruciating and shameful death upon the cross, enduring all the judicial

punishment of God, for the sins of the whole world. He bore all of this punishment because of His love for His earthly children who are in a fallen, sinful state. He died to set us free from sin, and because He has suffered the judicial punishment for our sins, we don't have to suffer the Second Death in the Lake of Fire [See Revelation 21:8].

Jesus not only died for our sins, He arose from the dead on the third day, for our justification with God. He has conquered the power of the grave, for those who accept Him as their Saviour. He will give them eternal life at the resurrection of the just.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." – 1st Corinthians 15:3 & 4.

"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." – Romans 4:24 & 25.

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." – John 6:40.

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO THESE FACTS?

Paul taught "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." – Acts 20:21. When Jesus started preaching, He proclaimed, "repent ye, and believe the gospel" – Mark 1:15.

☞ You cannot earn the forgiveness of your sins, by any of your good works. All of our works are like filthy rags, in the light of the sinless King of Kings, the Lord Jesus Christ. Most of the religions of this world, teach that our works can make us good, or can earn God's favour. But we all have such a history of sin recorded against us, that Jesus is the only Way, Truth and the Life [See John 14:6] that we can come to God through. Only in Jesus' name is there is salvation for sinners [See Acts 4:12].

We must repent of our sins against God the Father, because we have violated His Moral Law of Ten Commandments;

Repentance means being truly sorry for your sins, sorry enough to want to turn away from them in your heart and life. The Apostle Paul showed "to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works **meet [that is, worthy – compilers]** for repentance." – Acts 26:20. And then, we must personally exercise living faith or trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour and Sin-Bearer for all of our sins. A faith that not only believes what the Bible reveals concerning salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, but a "faith which worketh by love" [Galatians 5:6] for Christ, because of what He has done for you. "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." – 2nd Corinthians 5:15.

If in reading this tract, you have been convicted of your lost condition without Jesus, and you want to find peace with God, with a sincere heart, pray the following **Commitment Prayer**, and ask Jesus to come into your life.

COMMITMENT PRAYER: -

NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!

Lord, I am a sinner, and no sacrifice I give is of any value. I cannot earn forgiveness. Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed his blood for all sinners, for without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. I accept you Lord Jesus, Son of David as my perfect Lamb of God. You are my Saviour from sin and self. I no longer want the sins that caused your death. Change me Lord from the inside out. I will die daily for your glory, and show my faith by my works. Thank you for being my sacrifice and for taking my sins upon yourself. I am in your mercy, fill me with your grace. I recognize your perfect love and compassion. Help me every day to follow you and to grow in you by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Fill me with your Holy Spirit! Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom! Fill me with faith and love for my Everlasting Father, and for all that you do for me, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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