



“THE BOY IN THE WELL”

QUESTION: Can keeping the Ten Commandments save me?

ANSWER: No

EXPLANATION: God’s laws are given to condemn you and show we are sinners. You must be saved from God’s punishment from the literal flames of hell ([Acts 4:12](#)).

A STORY

A man went for a walk in the country, and he heard someone call out for help. Now the strange thing was that as he looked about he couldn’t see anyone. So he looked around again and he saw a well, So he thought that perhaps someone had fallen into the well. He ran over and when he got to its edge, the cries for help were loud and clear. He yelled out “Who is it? What’s wrong?” A voice for the darkness below said “Help me! Help me!” The man said “What happened?” he asked. A boy called out “I ran without looking where I was going. I was looking elsewhere and fell in!” The man instantly thought “What an idiot for not looking where he was running.” The man then proceeded to give the boy a good lecture and started to tell the boy some rules about watching where you run. He said “There are **ten rules**, which, if you keep you will never fall into the well again! Number 1 is “Always keep your eyes up and looking ahead!” But the boy cut him short “Look! **It’s not rules I need. Get me out of here me now**, or I’ll drown in this cold water. **I want you to save me!**”

So the man lowered the winch on top of the well and said “Grab onto this!” He brought him up to the surface but the boy had nearly drowned. But he soon recovered and thanked the man again and again. He took off home but looked back every now and then to thank the man. So the man went on his way thinking about what has happened. He said to himself “Of course aren’t I an idiot! **My rules** were **wise, good, just** and **true**, but couldn’t help the boy. He needed someone to save him. **He didn’t need more rules.**”

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US?

Laws are good. Without them society could not function. They help to maintain law and order. But the law has penalties - fines or jail.

GOD HAS LAWS TOO

Now God has laws too but if you break them (called sin) he will cast you into hell to burn in the literal flames. Just one sin will do as the Bible says *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet **offend in one point**, he is **guilty of all**.* ([James 2:10](#)). You must be perfect.

But God's laws are "...*holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*" ([Rom 7:12](#)) they can't save you! In fact, it's the opposite! They put people under a curse to be perfect, and that is impossible. ([Rom 3:23](#))

As the scriptures say "*For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith:*" ([Gal 3:10-12](#))

BUT CHRIST DIED FOR US IN OUR PLACE

However "... *the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*" ([Gal 3:24](#))

The law shows us how sinful we are, so we must flee to Christ as he kept them perfectly on our behalf. **He will save you!**

As the Bible says "...*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*" ([Gal 3:13](#))

THIS WHAT IS CALLED THE SAVING NEWS OF "THE GOSPEL".

While we were yet law breakers, Christ paid the fine. He can save you from hell. He is your only hope.

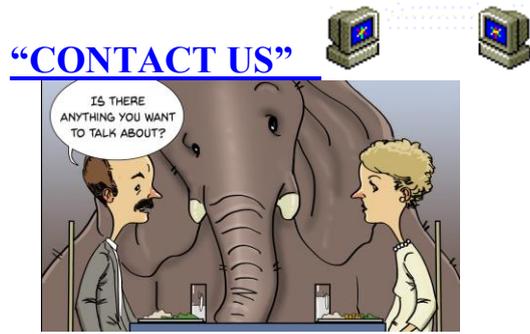
Dear Reader, Why don't you call out to Jesus:

"Save me like the boy in the well. Your rules keep condemning me. I can't keep them up. I keep sinning. I'm headed for hell. You're pure and I'm not. Only you can save me Jesus. You died for my sins. Unless you save me I'm doomed! Save me now!"

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