

Is The Law A Problem?
Romans 7: 7-12

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Sin

Salvation

**Sancti-
fication**

Sovereignty

Service

So Long

Verse 7 - 8
Is the Law sin?

The Law is not the problem – *we are!*

I cannot blame the Law for my desire to sin!

The Law exposes what sin is

For example: ***“You shall not covet”***

What is coveting?

***“Epithumeo”* = upon the mind, a mind desire**

Desiring something contrary to God

Who was the first coveter, mind desirer?

Adam and Eve coveted the forbidden fruit

Temptation always starts with a thought – **Decision time**

Will I embrace the thought? – **Trapped**

Or

Will I take captive the thought? – **Be freed!**

the nitty-gritty

the most important aspects or principles of something such as an experience or idea

Example:

Now that the planning is done, let's get into the nitty-gritty of executing the project.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

I. YOU SHALL HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II. YOU SHALL MAKE
NO IDOLS.

III. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE
THE NAME OF THE LORD
YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

IV. KEEP THE SABBATH
DAY HOLY.

V. HONOR YOUR FATHER
AND YOUR MOTHER.

VI. YOU SHALL NOT
MURDER.

VII. YOU SHALL NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII. YOU SHALL
NOT STEAL.

IX. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

X. YOU SHALL NOT COVET.

The Law of God
does two
things:

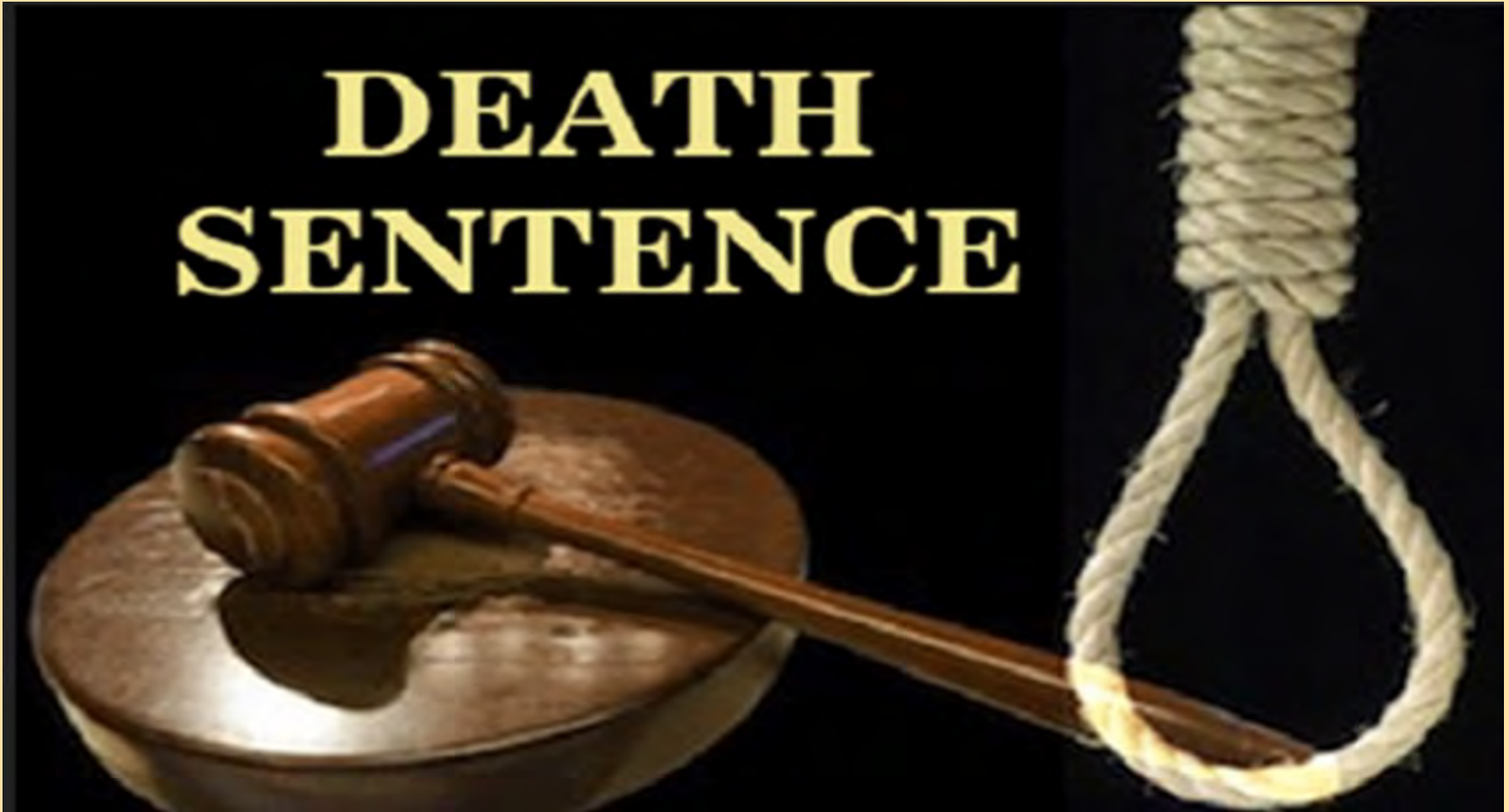
PROVIDES
for and
PROTECTS
His people

Verse 9 - 11

Again, the Law brings death

I had the death sentence stamped on me; the Law revealed that I am *GUILTY!*

DEATH SENTENCE



The Law reveals our true condition – *hopelessly lost, no hope, a goner!*

Humanities only rescue is Jesus

Paul felt righteous, holy, safe and secure; a perfect law keeper *until!*

Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus; he ran into real holiness!

He ran into God Almighty, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Paul was changed from a Jesus hater to a Jesus lover!

You, too, encountered pure holiness -

You, too, encountered the Master!

You, too, were steeped in your will, your way, your plans, then JESUS!

Jesus is a changer

JESUS IS A LIFE GIVER!

Verse 12
Paul's conclusion

The Law is holy

The Law reveals the pure nature of God

The Law of the Lord is perfect! Psalm 19: 8-11

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Antinomian = anti = against / nomas = Law

Against the Law

**Christians are released by grace from keeping the Law
for righteousness – *they are not against the Law!***

Key word: RIGHTEOUSNESS

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.” – Romans 10: 4

“For by works of the law no flesh shall be justified (declared righteous) – Galatians 2: 16b

No one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law, rather through the law we become conscious of sin.” – Romans 3: 20

No one is righteous by keeping the Law; we simply cannot keep the Law perfectly

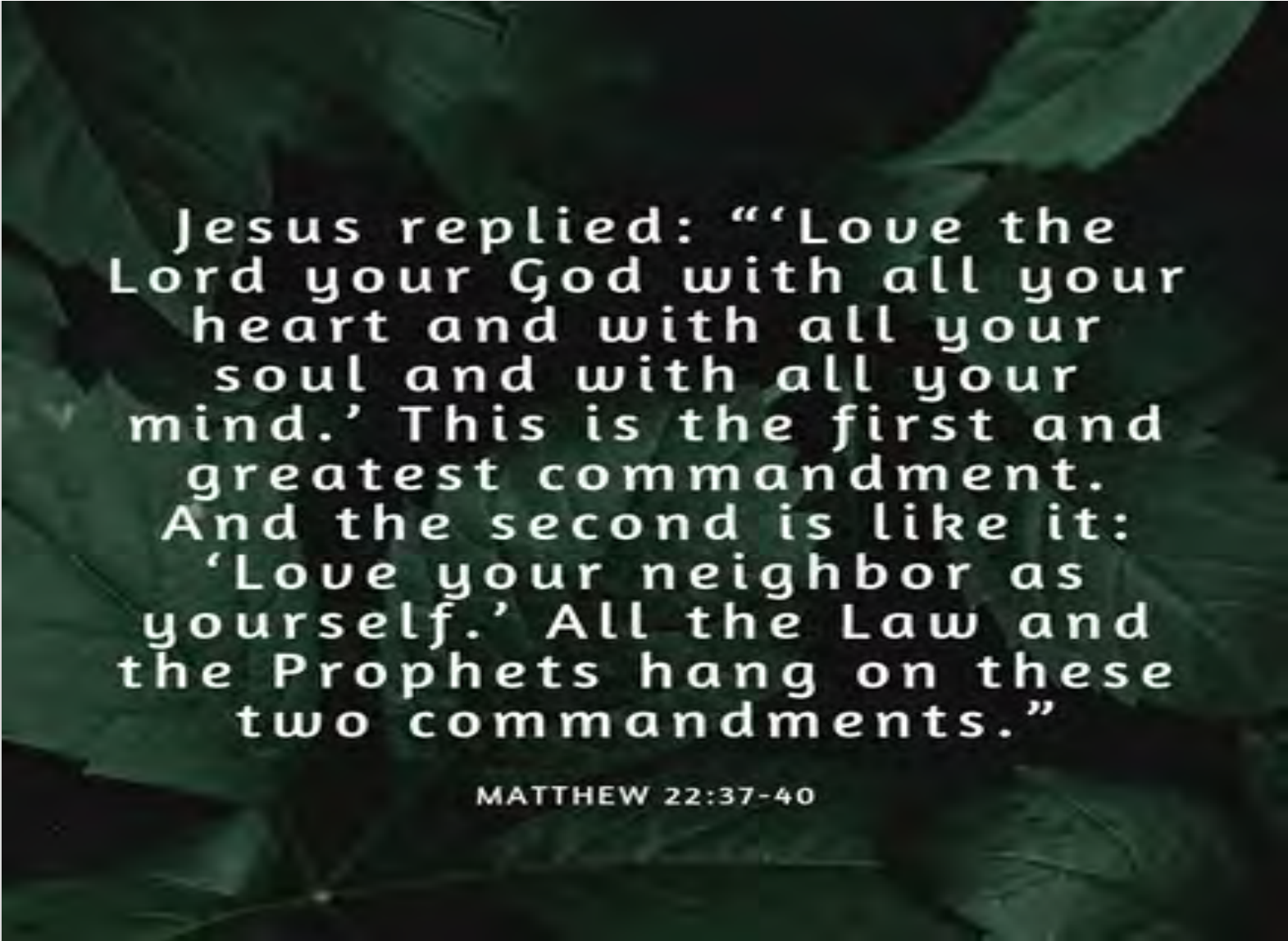
Now, believers are under grace, not the Law

The Law has **NO** bearing as far as salvation!

Believers are under the law of Messiah

Jesus told us that obeying His commands reveals something:

- 1) Obeying God demonstrates we truly love God
John 14: 21; John 14: 23



Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

MATTHEW 22:37-40

2) Obeying God demonstrates that we know Him
1 John 2: 3-4; 1 John 3: 24

When we obey God, we are telling all God deniers that we believe in Him

3) Obeying God demonstrates we are His friend

Those who love God for real and obey God's commands are called friends of God

Not every believer is called a friend of God

Only two men in Scripture are called God's friend,
Abraham and Moses

Then there is **YOU!**

“You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”

John 15: 14

You, too, can be a friend of God, how?

OBEY HIM!!

That is good news for weary travelers!

Shalom friends – completeness, soundness, welfare,
success

PEACE GO WITH YOU!



Isaiah 26:3: “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

Shalom, Shalom repeated twice. In Semitic languages when you want to emphasize a word, you repeat it two times.

Thus, when your mind stays on God, you not only have peace, you have *really good* peace, peace peace, or *perfect peace*.