

WHY THE LAW

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INTRO: While growing up, I remember telling God that I hope I'm good enough to make Heaven when I die. I was under the conviction of the Spirit and didn't realize it at the time. I believe my desire to make Heaven resulted in God sending people my way to enlighten me on how someone can make Heaven when they die. Many today think as I did – they have to be good to make Heaven. Does being good enough mean how well we keep the Ten Commandments, how many times we attend church, or how much we pray? What determines being good enough?

ALL ARE GUILTY – ROMANS 3:19

The law wasn't given to determine how well we keep it. It was given to show how all the world is guilty before God and subject to wrath. **EPH. 2:1-3** Man is dead in sin, dominated by Satan, a child of wrath, and destined for hell. It was given to silence every voice – Jew and Gentile – that says he can gain God's approval based on His own merits.

REVEALS SIN – ROMANS 3:20

The law reveals the knowledge of sin and shows how no one can be justified by keeping it, because no one can keep it. In **1 JOHN 3:4** we learn that sin is a transgression of the law. **ROM. 7:7** The law makes sin known. "Thou shalt not covet" is what the law says, now we know if we covet, we transgress the law of God.

A PEDAGOGUE – GAL. 3:24

The law provided protection and discipline for Israel until the time was right for Christ to come. It provided discipline until they could be justified by faith in Christ.

GAL.3:10-12 No one can be justified by keeping the law. **GAL. 3:21-22**

- **GAL. 3:13-14** The blessings of Abraham come by faith in Christ, not by keeping the law.
- The law doesn't help us; it leaves us helpless. It doesn't justify us; it screams "GUILTY!"

BUT GOD – EPH. 2:4-7

Are we guilty? Yes! Have we sinned? Yes! Are we doomed? Yes! "**But God**" sent Jesus to take our place, die our death, suffer our wrath and pay our sin debt.

CONCLUSION: The choice is ours. We can try to please God by keeping His laws or we can trust in Christ who kept the law for us and delivered us from its curse. But remember what James said in **JAMES 2:10 NLT**.