

JESUS - THE LAW AND GRACE

Matthew 5:17-18 (June 9, 2024)

I. GOD'S PLAN

1. Why God created us: Fellowship with us who are His representatives in His creation

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." **Genesis 1:26**

The image of God

15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation. **Colossians 1:15**

18 No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. **John 1:18**

John 14:9-10

9 Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?"

10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

God is love

16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. **1 John 4:16**

2. God's plan: His one eternal kingdom combined with both spiritual and physical worlds

9 And he (God) made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. **Ephesians 1:9-10**

3. Walking together: God and human beings - Agreement

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? **Amos 3:3**

6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. **James 1:6-8**

4. Rebellion

12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High." **Isaiah 14:12-14**

5. We were by nature children of wrath

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. **Ephesians 2:1-3**

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. **Romans 3:23**

II. GOD'S LAW

1. The Purpose of the Law of God: Revelation of the rebellious condition of human heart - God's diagnostic tools

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, THROUGH THE LAW WE BECOME CONSCIOUS OF SIN. **Romans 3:19-20**

2. The question after the diagnosis: Do you want to get well?

6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" **John 5:6**

What is repentance? It's the change of our thinking, our heart attitude:

God, I have lived in my own way. I have been far away from You. I see that's the source of the problem in my life. I now recognize that You must be the manager of my life. I need You have Your way in me.

3. God's gift of salvation to those who come to the Son of God

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **John 3:16**

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. **Philippians 3:20**

4. New citizenship comes with Privilege and Responsibility

(1) Privilege: All things work together for our good

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28**

(2) Responsibility: Learning God's love language

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20**

5. How to love God: Obeying His commandments

15 If you love me, obey my commandments. 21 Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them. **John 14:15, 21**

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

Questions for discussion

1. Why did God create us?
2. What is THE SIN?
3. What is the purpose of the law of God?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is God's gift to those who believes in Jesus Christ?
6. What is believer's relationship with the law of God?
7. (Personal question) What God's language of love do I need to learn this week?