

*"For the Law (Ten Commandments) made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better Hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God."  
Hebrews 7:19 KJV*



Law neither corrects nor punishes, but without law there's no crime; without rule, no disobedience. God's Law magnifies sin. Paul wrote, "What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the Law: Sin is the transgression (disobedience) of the Law (God's Word). There is none righteous (sinless) no, not one." Obedience of God's Law/Word is good, but that alone does not cure carnal lust. Healing a soul requires the Word of God Made flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the regenerative work of His Spirit within to create "a new creature in Christ." Without repentance AND faith there is no power over sin. Unbelievers may be impeccably moral, but inexorably doomed, because they pride themselves in their own good and reject God's Word. The sin of pride was first manifested in Lucifer who said, "I will be like the Most High." Just doing good or being moral does not impart Eternal Life which only the very presence of God can do: The Holy Spirit is that Presence! God's Mercy forgives, but Grace gives gifts to the repentant, the first of which must necessarily be believing faith. Repentance IS believing and obeying God's Word/Law. "In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God...and the Word was made flesh (Jesus). As many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even unto them that BELIEVE. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Faith cometh by hearing (receiving)...the Word of God. If ANY man (person) be in Christ, he IS a new creature... Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works (obedience of God's Word), which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." We may be able to obey the Law, but we are not perfect, neither can we defeat death. "For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in ONE POINT (ever lied?), he IS GUILTY OF ALL. The wages of sin is death!" Mercy and Grace proffer Eternal Life, because of Christ's work on the Cross: Hope in the Resurrection and His return. Trusting God on His Word alone undoes the unbelief of Adam and the curse of sin on our soul. God offers nothing but His Word to men, and those who trust and obey it through faith are Blessed and happy Pride breaks the first commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with ALL thy heart (emotions), and with ALL thy soul (self), and with ALL thy mind (thought). This is the first and great commandment." To love God we must know God. To know God we must know and live His Word. His Word is at once the Law, the Saviour, and the final Judge. It will condemn or save depending on your choice. "Whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. God...is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." God even knows WHY you think what you think!

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. ~Edward Mote - 1834

Without hope of the Resurrection "we are of all men most miserable...but NOW IS Christ risen...and [our] life is hid with Christ in God." Believe and obey God's Word no matter the circumstance, including death!

*"Who hath saved us, and called us with an Holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own Purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought Life and immortality to Light through the Gospel:" 2 Timothy 1:9-10 KJV*