

LAW & GOSPEL

Thinking Through The Commandments Romans 7:12-14

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1. There are particular characteristics of God's Law in the Ten Commandments that must be kept in mind if they are to be rightly understood.

- a. The commandments are _____ and perfect, therefore they require absolute perfection from all people.
- 1) They require a _____ and complete obedience such that when a sin is forbidden, the appropriate holy duty is required as well.
 - 2) The commandments that deal with love to God and those that deal with love to people are all _____ together.
 - 3) The violation of one of God's holy commandments is in reality a violation of _____ of His commandments.
- b. The commandments are just and righteous so they make clear what all people rightly _____ to their Creator and to others.

- c. The commandments are _____ so what they demand will work for man's greatest good—his greatest happiness.
- d. The commandments are _____, therefore they not only address man's behavior, but also his inward thoughts and motivations.

2. The Ten Commandments reveal the depth of sin that all men have before God, but for believers they also reveal the glorious salvation they have in Christ.

- a. The commandments make it clear to all who are in Adam, that they are _____ in their sins.
- b. The fact that violations of the commandments merit God's condemnation is a reminder to believers of the _____ of God that Christ endured on their behalf.
- c. The fact that the commandments are holy, righteous, good, and spiritual, define for believers the perfect righteousness they have before God in _____.
- d. For believers, the commandments are their rule of life as they pursue their greatest _____ as redeemed servants of righteousness in Christ.