

5. **Jesus changes us to make it possible for us to live God's way.**

Jeremiah 31:33 *I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it;*

Ezekiel 11:19-20 *And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them.*

Ezekiel 36:27 *I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.*

Romans 7:22 *I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man.*

1 John 5:3 *His commandments are not burdensome.*

1 Corinthians 9:21 *under the Law of Christ.*

Psalm 119:97 *O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.*

Psalm 119:172 *Let my tongue sing of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.*

Psalm 19:10 *They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.*

Scripture Reading: Judges 2:16-22

**The Creator Teaches His Creation**

Genesis 1:28-29

“Law”

Walk in it (Josh. 22:5, I Ki. 2:3, Is. 2:3, Is. 42:24, Jer. 32:23, etc.).

Why is this desirable?

**1. Because He is the Creator.**

Psalm 119:89-90 *Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.<sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.<sup>91</sup> They stand this day according to Your ordinances, For all things are Your servants.*

**2. Because He teaches us how creation works.**

**3. Because we don't know what we're doing.**

Isaiah 1:3 *"An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master's manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand."*

Jeremiah 8:7 *Even the stork in the sky Knows her seasons; And the turtledove and the swift and the thrush Observe the time of their migration; But My people do not know The ordinance of the LORD.*

Psalm 119:176 *I have gone astray like a lost sheep.*

Psalm 119:33-35 *teach me ... give me understanding ... make me walk in the path.*

**4. Because we have already gone astray.**

Matt. 13:41 *The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness.*

**The Human Heart Rejects the Creator's Teaching**

Transgression - Romans 5:16-18 *one transgression ... condemnation ... death ... judgment*

Lawlessness - 1 John 3:4 *Sin is lawlessness.*

**1. Laws actually stir up our sinfulness.**

Romans 7:5 *the sinful passions which were aroused by the law*

**2. Laws reveal that our hearts are not loyal to God.**

Romans 3:20 *through the law comes the knowledge of sin.*

**3. Lawlessness is addictive.**

Romans 6:19 *slaves to impurity and lawlessness*

Psalms 119:133 *do not let iniquity have dominion over me.*

**The Creator's Teaching Condemns Us.**

James 2:9 *we are convicted by the law as transgressors.*

Galatians 2:16 *By the works of the law no flesh will be justified.*

Col. 1:24 *certificate consisting of decrees against us*

1 Cor. 15:56 *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.*

Matt. 7:23 *Depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.*

**Jesus Brings Us Back to the Creator and His Teaching**

**1. Jesus hated lawlessness (Heb. 1:9).**

**2. Jesus paid the price to bring us back to the Creator.**

Isaiah 53:8 *He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?*

Titus 2:14 *He gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed.*

Romans 4:7 *Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven.*

Hebrews 10:17 *their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*

Galatians 2:16 *knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law;*

Galatians 3:24 *Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.*

**3. Jesus calls us to come back as a follower and learner (a disciple).**

**4. Jesus showed us what it looks like to live the Creator's way.**