

# **What Salvation is (and isn't)**

**Mark 1:14-15**

**Have you  
heard of the**

**FOUR  
SPIRITUAL LAWS?**

# **Law 1:**

**God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.**

## **God's Love**

**"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)**

# Law 1:

## God's Plan

"I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."

(John 10:10)

## **Law 2:**

**Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.**

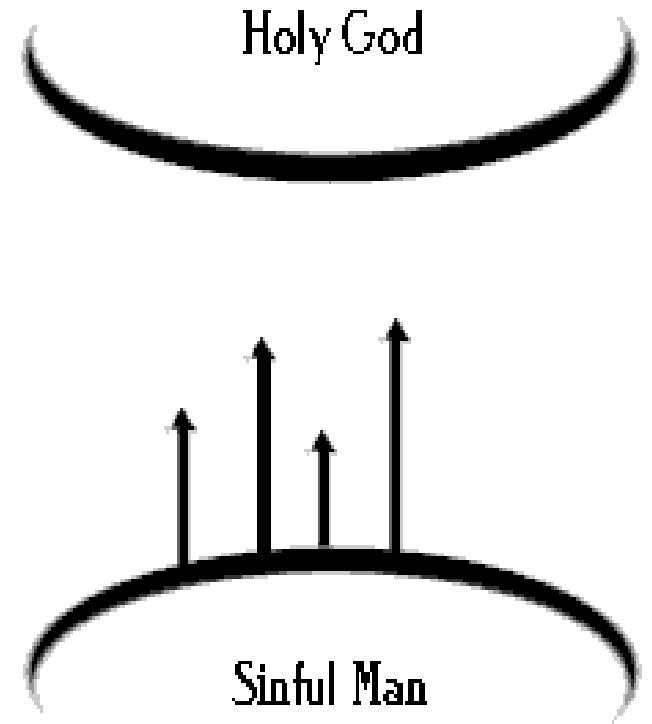
### **Man is Sinful**

**"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)**

# Law 2:

## Man Is Separated

"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)



## **Law 3:**

**Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.**

### **He Died In Our Place**

**"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."**

**(Romans 5:8)**

# **Law 3:**

## **He Rose from the Dead**

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures... He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred..."

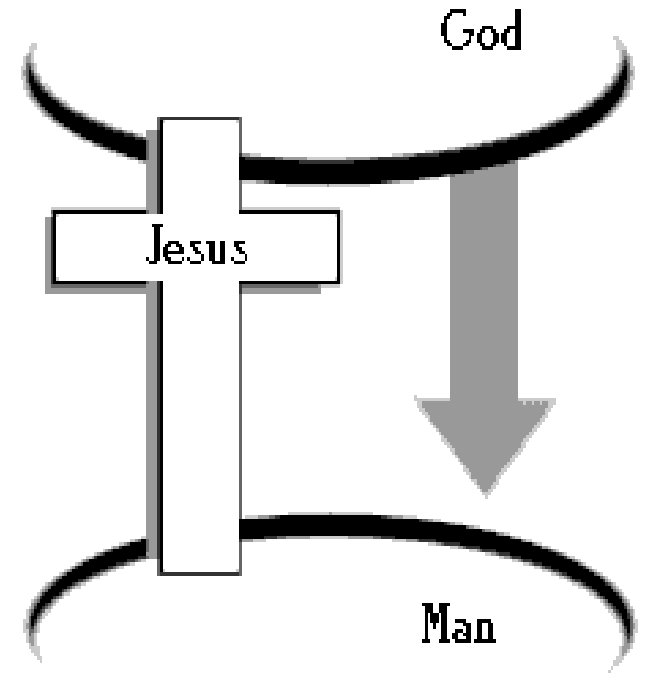
(1 Corinthians 15:3-6)



# Law 3:

## He Is the Only Way to God

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through Me.'" (John 14:6)



## **Law 4:**

**We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.**

# **Law 4:**

## **We Must Receive Christ**

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." (John 1:12)

# Law 4:

## We Receive Christ Through Faith

"By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as result of works that no one should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9)

# **Law 4:**

**When We Receive Christ, We  
Experience a New Birth  
(Read John 3:1-8)**

# **Law 4:**

## **We Receive Christ Through Personal Invitation**

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him."

(Revelation 3:20)

# Salvation = Ticket to heaven?

- Will I lose my ticket?
- Ticket with a list of do's and don'ts
- Enjoy my life first, ticket later
- Why do I need to attend church?
- 'Evangelism' versus 'Good Works'

**Salvation =**  
**Justification and**  
**Sanctification and**  
**Glorification**



“Christians experience salvation in this life in both a past and present sense, and we anticipate salvation in a future sense.

**Christians have been saved from the penalty of our sins**; we are currently **being saved from the power of sin**; and one day, when God’s plan of salvation is completed and we are with Christ, we shall be like him, and **we shall be saved even from the presence of sin**. This is God’s plan of salvation.”

(ESV Study Bible, *God’s Plan of Salvation*)

# Justification

- To be justified is to be declared righteous.
- It is a gift of grace.
- We are justified through faith in Jesus.
- By the blood of Jesus, we are forgiven of our sins.

# Justification

- Romans 3:21-28
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Philippians 3:9

# Justification

“I believe three things must go together in our justification: Upon God’s part, his great mercy and grace; upon Christ’s part, the satisfaction of God’s justice, by the offering of his body, and shedding his blood; and upon our part, true and living faith in the merits of Jesus Christ.”  
(John Wesley)

# Justification & Regeneration

While justification is what God does *for us*, in pardoning our sins through Christ, regeneration is what God does *in us*, in renewing our fallen condition through the Spirit.

# Sanctification

- To grow in holiness.
- Becoming more like Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Cooperation with God's grace

# Sanctification

- Philippians 2:12-13
- Galatians 5:22-23
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 1 Timothy 4:7
- Hebrew 12:14

# Glorification

- We will be like Christ.
- Our future bodily resurrection.
- Our residence in the new heaven and new earth.



# Glorification

- Philippians 3:20-21
- Colossians 3:1-4
- 1 Corinthians 15
- 1 John 3:2
- 2 Peter 3:13
- Revelation 21:1-3

Salvation is not merely about what God does *in us* and *for us* but also what God does *through us*.

“To focus not on the question of which human beings God is going to take to heaven and how he is going to do it but on the question **how God is going to redeem and renew his creation *through human beings*** and how he is going to rescue those human themselves as part of the process but not as the point of it all.” (N. T. Wright)

# Mark 1:14-15

“After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the **good news** of God. “The time has come,” he said. “**The kingdom of God** is near. **Repent and believe** the good news!”

(Mark 1:14-15)

# **The Kingdom of God (KOG)**

**“Most Christians repent enough to get forgiven but not enough to see the Kingdom.” (Bill Johnson)**

## **Repentance**

Turning away from sin to God;  
from being worldly-minded to being  
**kingdom- minded.**

# **KOG: Here and Not Yet**

**“Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”**

**“The mistaken idea is this: if it is good, it can’t be for now.”**

**(Bill Johnson)**

# Return of the King

- Do you long for the King and His return?
- Are you kingdom-minded?