

## *“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”*

Acts 16:30

### **Learn The Gospel**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17;

### **Believe On GOD In CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

### **Confess CHRIST**

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

### **Repent Of Sin**

Acts 3:19; 17:30

### **Be Baptized Into CHRIST**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

### **Remain Steadfast**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

## *“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”*

Colossians 3:16

The new memory assignment is: *“Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off”* (Romans 11:22).

Please commit this passage to memory by reading it, writing it, listening to it, and reciting it.

## *“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”*

Hebrews 10:24-25

### **Sunday**

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

### **Tuesday**

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

### **Wednesday**

7:00 pm.....Study & Worship

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

**Visitors Welcome.  
Members Expected.**

## *“Give Attention To Reading”*

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:13

**Sunday**...Psalm 51:10-19; Deut. 6:16-8:10; Romans 9:19-10:15

**Monday**...Proverbs 4; Deut. 8:11-10:9; Romans 10:16-11:10

**Tuesday**...Psalm 52:1-9; Deut. 10:10-11:32; Romans 11:11-32

**Wednesday**...Psalm 53; Deut. 12:1-13:11; Romans 11:33-12:21

**Thursday**...Proverbs 5; Deut. 13:12-15:18; Romans 13:1-14:12

**Friday**...Psalm 54; Deut. 15:19-17:20; Romans 14:13-15:13

**Saturday**...Psalm 55:1-11; Deut. 18:1-20:9; Romans 15:14-33

# *“Sound Doctrine”*

Titus 2:1

## **“WHAT PURPOSE THEN DOES THE LAW SERVE?”**

Bryan Matthew Dockens

*“What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions till the Seed should come...”* (Galatians 3:19).

*“It was added...”* The Law was not from the beginning. Had it been, it could not have been added. Granted, there existed some law prior to the establishment of the Law of Moses. There were offerings to be made to Jehovah (Genesis 4:3-5), based on faith (Hebrews 11:4), which is derived from the word of God (Romans 10:17). There was a distinction between clean and unclean animals (Genesis 7:2-3). There was even a priesthood prior to the Law (Genesis 14:18-20). Despite the existence of law, **the Law** was not established until *“four hundred thirty years”* after God made His promises to Abraham (Genesis 3:17). God has always revealed His will to man in some way, but the Law He gave by Moses was not the only law He ever had for man.

*“...because of transgressions...”* Sin is the reason God gave His Law to Israel. In another place, Paul said *“that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of father and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine”* (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:9-10).

The Law was given to codify sin; without it, one would not be

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## BUT I'M NOT RICH

Rick Lanning

From the standpoint of material wealth, Americans have difficulty realizing how rich they really are. Until you have had opportunity to travel in third world countries, you cannot imagine how the vast majority of the world really lives. Are you rich? You may not think so, but reconsider as you see the following point made by Robert Heilbroner, who studies world conditions of the poor. Do this test:

1. Take out all of the furniture in your home except for one table and a couple of chairs. Use blankets and pads for beds.
2. Take away all of your clothing except for your oldest dress of suit, shirt or blouse. Leave only one pair of shoes.
3. Empty the pantry and refrigerator except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few potatoes, some onions and a dish of dried beans.
4. Dismantle the bathrooms, shut off the running water, and remove all the electrical wiring in your house.
5. Take away the house itself, and move the family into the tool shed.
6. Place your "house" in shantytown.
7. Cancel all subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, and book clubs. This is no great loss, because none of you can read anyway.
8. Leave only one radio for the whole shantytown.
9. Throw away your bankbooks, stock certificates, pension plans, and insurance policies. Leave the family a cash hoard of ten dollars.
10. Move the nearest hospital or clinic ten miles away and put a mid-wife in charge instead of a doctor.
11. Give the head of the family a few acres to cultivate on which he can raise a few hundred dollars of cash crops, of which one third will go to the landlord and a tenth to the money lenders.
12. Lop off 25 years of life expectancy.

Pretty sobering isn't it? Made me want to sing the song, "Count Your Blessings" over and over again. Then I read the story of the Good Samaritan and realized I must use my "wealth" for others, too.

## SLEPT THROUGH IT

Tom Moore

Remember the story of Rip Van Winkle? He fell asleep one day in a quiet spot on the banks of the Hudson River and he didn't wake up for twenty years. When he went to sleep, the sign above his favorite tavern read: "King George III, King of England". He was a subject of the British crown. When he woke up, George Washington replaced King George, and he was an American citizen. The tragic part was that he slept through a revolution. While he snored, oblivious to his surroundings, earth-shaking events had taken place. This almost happened once to Jesus' disciples. While Jesus prayed they drifted off to sleep (Luke 22:39-46). They were oblivious to events that all of heaven watched breathless. Many times we have our heads in the clouds, enclosed in our own little world and losing sight of the more important things, and sleep through opportunities, or have our heads in the sand with regard to important issues facing the church. How many times are we preoccupied with our own self-importance, forgetting what is really important? We become the prisoners in our own world of trivialities.

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aware of how or why God would be displeased by his behavior. The apostle also wrote, *"I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet'"* (Romans 7:7). The very fact that *"sin is lawlessness"* (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4) suffices as evidence that the Law was added because of transgressions.

*"...till..."* Just as the Law was not from the beginning, so it was never intended to be permanent. The word *"till"* teaches that the Law was only temporarily valid. It was set to expire with the coming of Christ, who is *"the end of the law"* (Romans 10:4).

*"...the Seed should come..."* The Law was intended to last until one called *"the Seed"* arrived. God made promises to Abraham concerning His seed (Genesis 22:18). Christ Jesus is identified as the fulfillment of the promises: *"Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed,' who is Christ"* (Galatians 3:16).