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CONNECTION: WHO IS JESUS, REALLY? PART 3

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Prayer Of Salvation

How do I ask Jesus into my life?

Here is a prayer to help you! Please call me if you pray or have any questions. I'll be glad to talk to you.

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Father sometimes I offend you.

I know Jesus died because we have all offended you.

I believe God You raised Jesus from the dead.

Save me from my desires that offend you.

Jesus of Nazareth

I confess that you are Savior & Lord.

Forgive me for offending you in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Here is your job description from now on!

Do no more evil

Tell about Jesus

Be baptized, Learn about Him in your Bible.

In the last article we learned that sin is a non-curable but sometimes manageable condition using our laws and punishments to keep the human spirit in line.

Often times a person recognizes the sickness of sin does exist. Realizing that you're helpless against it causes a person of self-awareness to seek help. However, this sickness has a two-sided dilemma. It's both physical and spiritual. In other words, if fulfilling the desires of our mind and flesh is not the purpose of life; then why are we here, or what is our purpose? We are surrounded by rules and regulations that manage our behavior. For instance, town laws, traffic laws and the US Constitution, and so on. These laws were derived from a set of greater laws. These laws are **written in us**. They enabling us to get along, and are there because in our nature we tend to be (from time to time) disobedient, violent and plain old ornery when the desire within us is strong enough.

Now that we know of these conditions built into man's character, perhaps we can appreciate the works of Moses and the prophets.

Moses was told by God to report these conditions and laws (such as the ten commandments and oth-

ers) to his countrymen (the Israelites, the people of God; who would trumpet this message to the rest of the world through their beliefs and doctrines). Moses also explains, this nature is what separates us from all that is good (Namely: God).

Today, we know that all mankind is a dangerous race, not only to ourselves but the world we live in. Everywhere we do good and we do bad. We build and we ruin. We heal and we murder. In every good work we try to do, evil is right there with us. We make a computer and we make viruses. We praise our loved ones and we curse them from our same lips (the Apostles Paul and James taught us that).

With all the evidence around us about our sinful or destructive nature; you would think that we would ask ourselves, **what's the reason for all these laws?** Meaning: what's the purpose of the law? Well if you haven't given it much thought I'll tell you.

The existence of law proves that mankind is inherently destructive and sinful. If there were no law there would be no sin (the Apostle Paul). How can a person break a law if no law exists? On the other hand how would we know we were sinners if there were no law? Furthermore, how would we

all get along? So, we can say as the apostle James said, "the law is a mirror that shows our imperfections."

Societies created laws to protect us from our selves, from the individual to the community, from the community to the township, from the township to the county, from the county to the state, from the State to the nation and from the nation to the international communities. Man needs regulation to protect us from the desires of ourselves. Even suicide, the killing of ones own flesh.

Therefore, laws do not prevent sin; it's only a statement of what is socially acceptable. If a person has it in their mind to perform a wrong (sin), law will not prevent it. Law will only reveal that act as acceptable or unacceptable.

In all things there is a consequence. Take law away or make it more lenient, destructive activity increases. Not only is this rule political and spiritual, it's scientific as well. We just don't except it. However, Einstein said very well. "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."

To fulfill the desires of our flesh at the expense of another is not why we're here, is it? So, why are we here? We're here to find the ultimate truth! As you will see Jesus is the ultimate truth! See you next time on Mystery and Logic!

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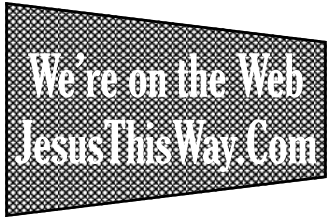
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