



## “DEAD IN TRANSGRESSION”

### ARTICLE 5 - THE INADEQUACY OF THE LAW

*“What holds for the light of nature also applies to the Ten Commandments, given by God through Moses particularly to the Jews. For though it reveals the greatness of sin, and more and more convicts man of his guilt, yet neither points out a remedy nor gives him power to rise out of this misery. Rather, weakened by the flesh, it leaves the transgressor under the curse. Man cannot, therefore, through the law obtain saving grace.”*

9. If the keeping of the Law doesn't save a person, what is its purpose?  
Romans 3:20; 7:10-24; 8:3-4; Galatians 3:23-25

### ARTICLE 6 - THE NEED FOR THE GOSPEL

*“What, therefore, neither the light of nature nor the law can do, God performs by the power of the Holy Spirit through the word of ministry of reconciliation, which is the gospel of the Messiah, by which it has pleased God to save men who believe, both under the old and under the new dispensation.”*

10. What is the meaning of this “ministry of reconciliation” found in II Corinthians 5:18-19?
11. How is this ministry brought forth? I Cor. 1:21

### ARTICLE 7 - WHY THE GOSPEL IS SENT TO SOME AND NOT TO OTHERS

*“Under the old dispensation God revealed this mystery of His will to few. Under the new dispensation, however, He took the distinction between the peoples away and revealed it to a larger number. The cause of this very distribution of the gospel is not to be ascribed to the worthiness of one people above another... but to the sovereign good pleasure and undeserved love of God. Therefore we to whom so great a grace is granted, beyond and contrary to all we deserve, ought to acknowledge it with a humble and grateful heart. But as regards to others whom this grace is not give, we ought with the apostle to adore the severity and righteousness of the judgments of God but by no means inquisitively to pry into them.”*

12. Why is it possible for anyone to have an understanding of the Gospel? Eph. 1:9; 2:14
13. What transformation takes place in the lives of the elect? Col. 3:1-16
14. What does the Bible teach concerning to whom grace is given?  
Rom. 2:11; 9:15-16; Matt. 11:25-26; Deut. 29:29

### ARTICLE 8 - THE EARNEST CALL BY THE GOSPEL

*“But as many as are called by the gospel are earnestly called, for God earnestly and most sincerely reveals in His Word what is pleasing to Him, namely, that those who are called should come to Him.. He also earnestly promises rest for their souls and eternal life to all who come to Him and believe.”*



15. Two examples of Christ's physical calling are found in Matthew 11:28-29 and John 11: 43-44. How does this perfectly portray the example of the spiritual calling of the gospel? Include John 6:37; Rev. 22:17

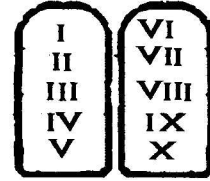
**“HO. EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH, COME YE TO THE WATERS, AND HE THAT HATH NO MONEY; COME YE, BUY, AND EAT: YEA, COME, BUY WINE AND MILK WITHOUT MONEY AND WITHOUT PRICE.”**

16. What is included in this calling? Phil. 1:29

### ARTICLE 9 - WHY SOME WHO ARE CALLED DO NOT COME

*“It is not the fault of the gospel, nor of the Christ offered by the gospel, nor of God, who called through the gospel and who even confers various gifts upon them, that many who are called through the ministry of the gospel do not come and are not converted. The fault lies in themselves. Some of them do not care and do not accept the word of life. Others do indeed receive it, but they do not accept it into their hearts, and therefore, after the joy of a temporary faith has vanished, they turn away. Still others choke the seed of the word by the thorns of the cares and the pleasures of this world, and bring forth no fruit (Matt. 13).”*

17. How does the Bible describe the actions of those who are called and do not come?  
Matt. 11:20-24; 22:5-6; 23:3-4



**“FOR I DELIGHT IN THE LAW OF GOD AFTER THE INWARD MAN: BUT I SEE ANOTHER LAW IN MY MEMBERS, WARRING AGAINST THE LAW OF MY MIND, AND BRINGING ME INTO CAPTIVITY TO THE LAW OF SIN WHICH IS IN MY MEMBERS.”  
-ROMANS 7:22-23**

“BEING DESCRIBED AS “DEAD IN TRANSGRESSION” IMPLIES THAT MAN, BEFORE CHRIST, IS INCAPABLE OF RAISING HIMSELF TO SPIRITUAL LIFE MUCH LIKE A LITERAL DEAD MAN IS INCAPABLE OF RAISING HIMSELF TO PHYSICAL LIFE.”

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