

# Catechesis Minute: The Fulfillment of the Law

We've been talking about the Ten Commandments, God's Law. We've talked about how it's not a list of dos and don'ts. But it shows us how God created us to live. It's not a list of suggestions. These are commandments, things we must do. It's not multiple choice. We can't pick and choose which ones to follow.

But we've also talked about how we are fallen and can't keep the Law. God wants us to keep His Commandments perfectly. He says, *"Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy"* (**Leviticus 19:2**). Even if we could keep the Commandments, would that save us? Paul says in **Galatians 3**: *All who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."* Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law (**Galatians 3:10–11**).

To sum it up:

- God gave us the Ten Commandments to show us how we were created to live, so following them would make our life better.
- Because of our sin nature, we can't keep them.
- Even if we could keep them, they don't save us.
- Only believing in Jesus and His death on the cross for us saves us from our sin.
- When we're saved, we want to follow the Ten Commandments because we love God.
- That leaves us with this question: What is the purpose of the Law?

That's what we'll talk about next week.

*Prayer:*

*Lord, You gave us Your Law to show us how to live. But we can't fulfill it; only Jesus could and did. He died on the cross to pay the price of death for us. Help us to believe in Him and trust in Him for our life and salvation. In His name we pray. Amen.*