

WRITTEN IN STONE
A Study of the Ten Commandments
and Today's Moral Crisis
The Multi-Use of the Law

Three ways to use God's law:

1. Teaching Us How to Live

2. Restraining Sin in Society

3. Revealing Our Need for a Savior

1) We are commanded to keep the law that we cannot keep.

2) The law has a way of actually provoking our sin.

3) Sin leads to death.

4) Those who sin and die are under God's curse.

John Calvin wrote that while the law "shows God's righteousness, that is, the righteousness alone acceptable to God, it warns, informs, convicts, and lastly condemns, every man of his own unrighteousness."

~ John Calvin

So why did God give His people the law they could not keep, the law that would condemn them?

The answer is that He gave them His law so that they would believe His gospel.

Using the Law Today

"The true function and the chief and proper use of the Law is to reveal to man his sin, blindness, misery, wickedness, ignorance, hate and contempt of God, death, hell, judgment, and the well-deserved wrath of God."

~ Martin Luther

REFLECTION:

If you have not given your life to Jesus...

acknowledge to God your sinfulness and call upon Jesus to save you and forgive you.

If you are a believer...

Give praise to God for revealing to you your sinfulness and providing the way of forgiveness.