

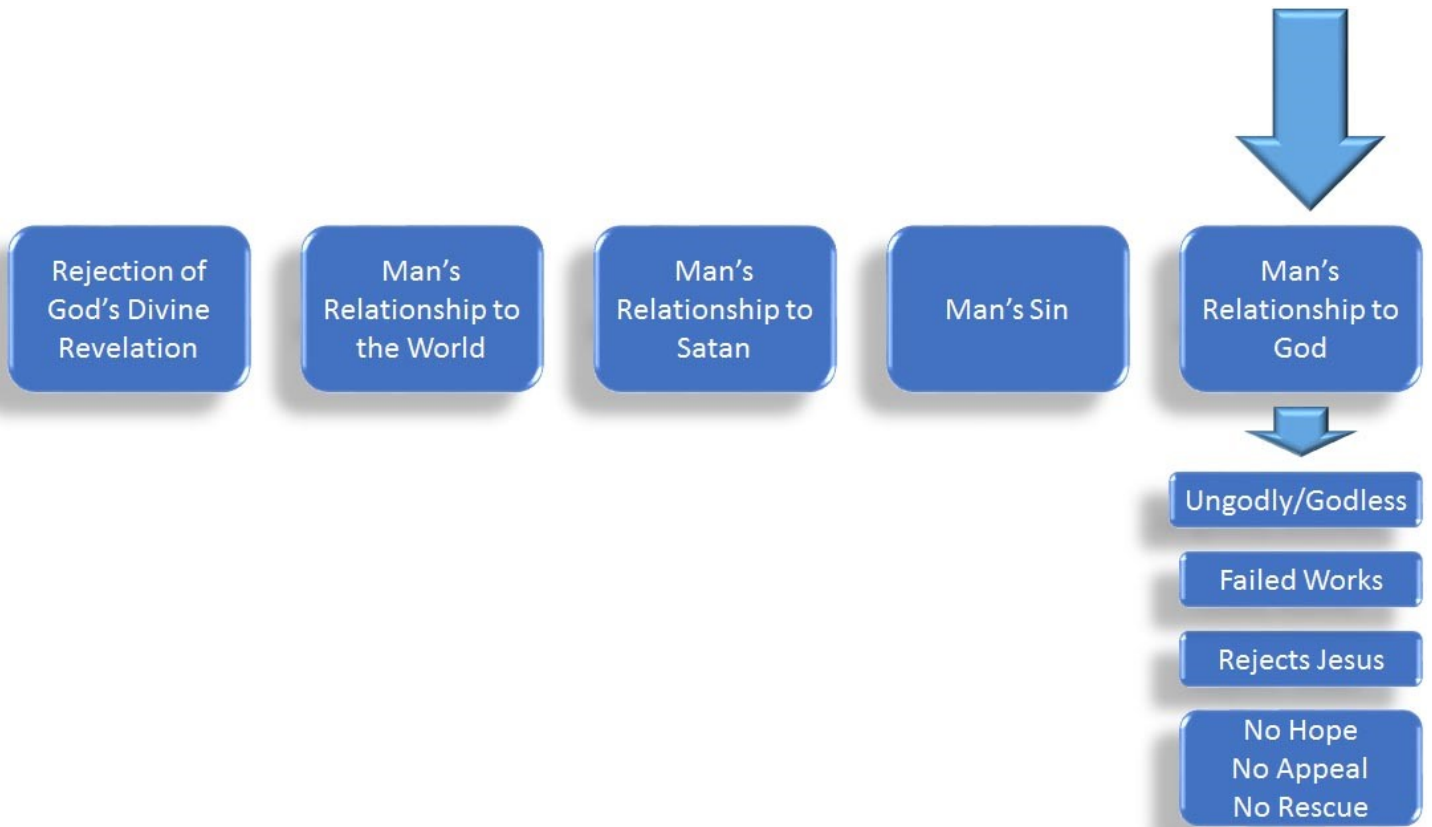
Take The Stand Before God

Part 6

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Study Guides For Discipleship

FIFTH COUNT OF LOST: Man's Relationship To God Condemns Him.



Man Is Without God & Practice Ungodliness

Most men profess to believe in some kind of a god, but it is a god of their own making, or one that has been passed down to them through tradition.

In spite of whatever man holds to be their god, as far as God is concerned He describes the unsaved man as one who is 'without God in the world.'

¹² remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. Ephesians 2:12

It does not matter how good you were in life. It does not matter how sincere you were in your beliefs or how much better the world was because of your life..... If you are 'without God' you are unsaved. You will share the same fate as all other non-saved people.

This person is without God in the fullest sense of the term God.

- They have no claim on God
- There is not a single bit of the presence of the genuine living God in their life.
- They are truly ungodly or godless, in that there is no vital relationship between that person and God.
- Redemption is only provided through Jesus Christ.
- *⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. Romans 8:9*
- *¹⁹ These are the ones who cause divisions, ^[a]worldly-minded, ^[b]devoid of the Spirit Jude 19*

There are only two types of people in the world.

- There are those who are saved
- Those who are not saved.

Man's Rejection of Jesus Christ

Both Paul and Jude above says the saved have the Spirit of God dwelling within them and the unsaved do not have the Spirit of God dwelling within them. Therefore (and this is critical) You cannot have a saved man without the Spirit and you can not have unsaved man with the Spirit. It is just impossible.

- *¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1 John 5:12*
- *⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. John 1:4*
- *⁶ Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.*
- *²⁰ because by the works ^[a]of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for ^[b]through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*
- The Scriptures make it clear that if a man does not have Jesus Christ dwelling within his life, he is an unsaved person.

This means that the atheist, the agnostic, the animist, the muslim, the Buddhist, and the Christian religionist cannot have access to God. Everyone must come to God only through Jesus Christ.

Man is simply guilty before God. He has broken the moral law of God, he knows it, and he is liable. Man has no basis of appeal before God. He cannot blame his situation on heredity or environment. He must blame himself.

This is Paul's description of the guilty man.

¹⁰ as it is written,
"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;
¹¹ THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,
THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;
¹² ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;
THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."
¹³ "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,
WITH THEIR TONGUES THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS";
¹⁴ "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS";
¹⁵ "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,
¹⁶ DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,
¹⁷ AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."
¹⁸ "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

ROMANS 3:10-18
EY KEEP DECEIVING,"



Man Has Failed To Follow God's Laws

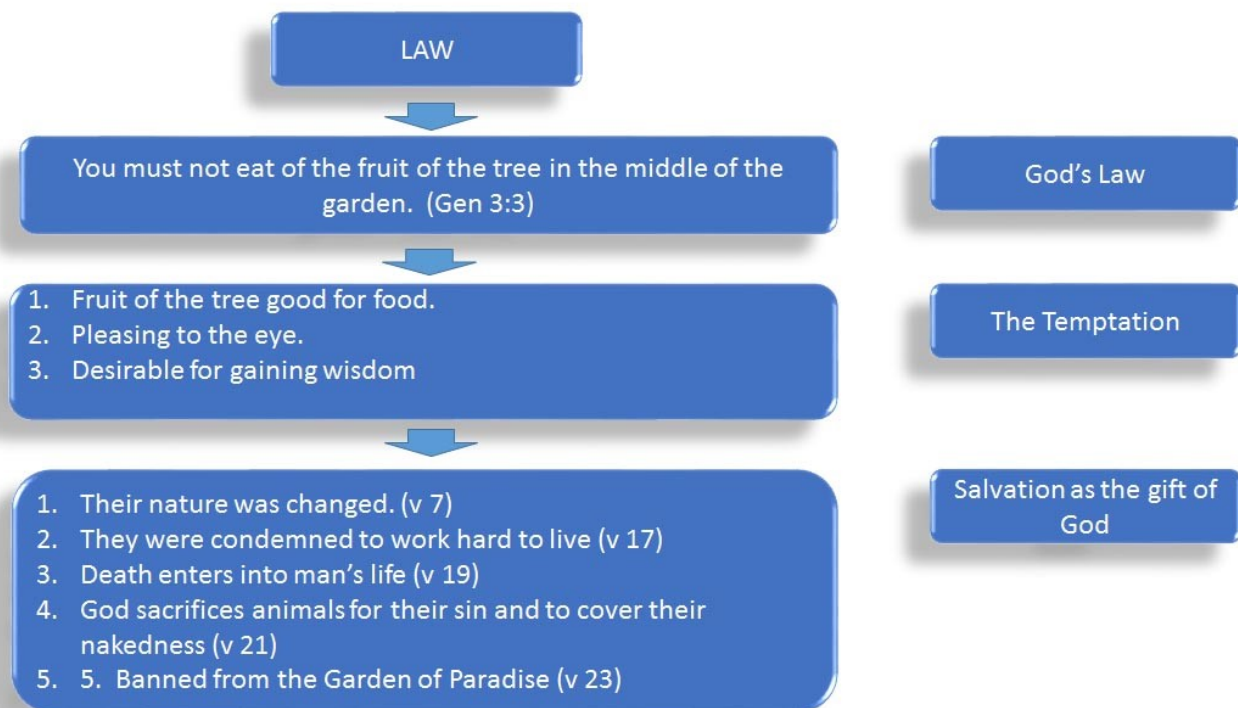
God did not give us 'the law' so that man could keep it and thereby gain eternal life. In fact God says that if there was any law that could impart life, He would have based salvation on this law(s) and not have sacrificed His Son. The law was, instead, given so that man could understand God's holy character, recognize his own sinful being, and place his faith in God's provision for his salvation. The law was a mirror so that man could see his moral despair and call upon God for his cleansing.

21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness [a]would indeed have been [b]based on law. Galatians 3:21

12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Romans 7:12

3 For what the Law could not do, [a]weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of [b]sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, Romans 8:3

Sin & Judgment Enter Mankind Through The Preceptive Will Of God



As stated previously, man is on death row awaiting the wrath of God. ³⁶ *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not [obey](#) the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” John 3:36*

The unregenerate man's position is the inevitable of coming under God's wrath. However man will not experience God's wrath until after death when he is sentenced in hades or hell and later in the lake of fire. Until then, the wrath of God hangs over him as though he'd been already buckled into the electric chair.

Deliverance through the Lord Jesus Christ is possible, but it must come before physical death.

After death, it is too late. Deliverance comes through believing in Christ. One either has everlasting life within them or the wrath of God upon them.

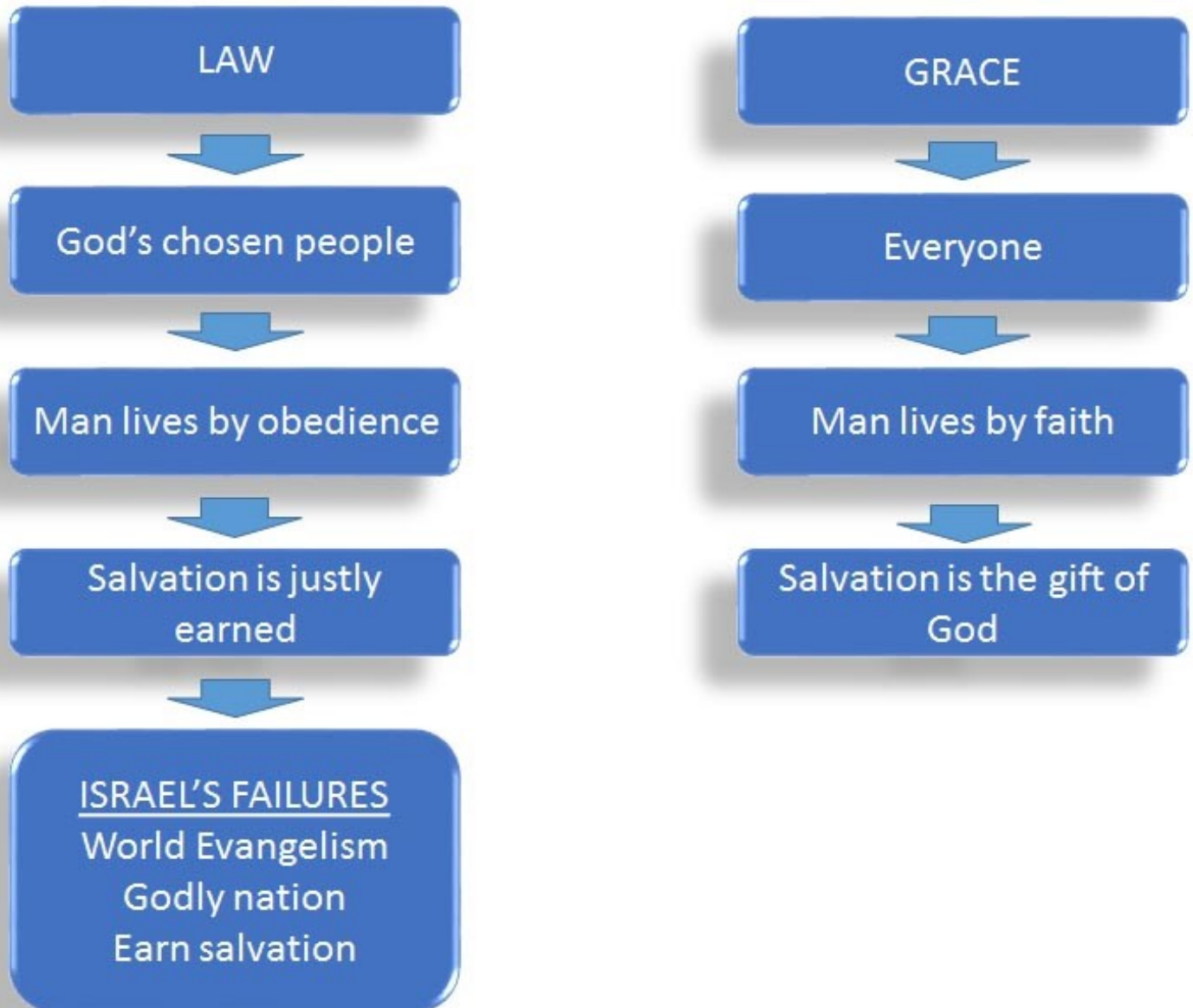
Man is without Hope

My wife works at a long term care hospital. Many patients are able to return to life, but some will never leave the hospital alive. When a doctor takes them aside and lets them know its time for them to get their affairs in order, that there is no hope for recovery, pain and remorse sets in. It's heart rendering for her to observe.



We live on hope. It's amazing how men have survived the worst of times, the worst of conditions, the ugliest circumstances because they hoped in a rescue or release., But when hope dies or is absent man can sink to new lows of mental, emotional, and spiritual depression.

Law & Grace Under Preceptive Will Of God



A man without God is also without hope, both in this life and after death. Hope is part of faith. *24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. Romans 8:24-25*

The Thessalonian Christians were marked by their

- Their work of faith
- Their labor of love
- Their patience of hope
- They had a living hope

They had put their faith in Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified, buried, raised from the dead, ascended into God's presence, and who could come at any moment to take them likewise into God's heaven.

The unsaved do not have this hope.

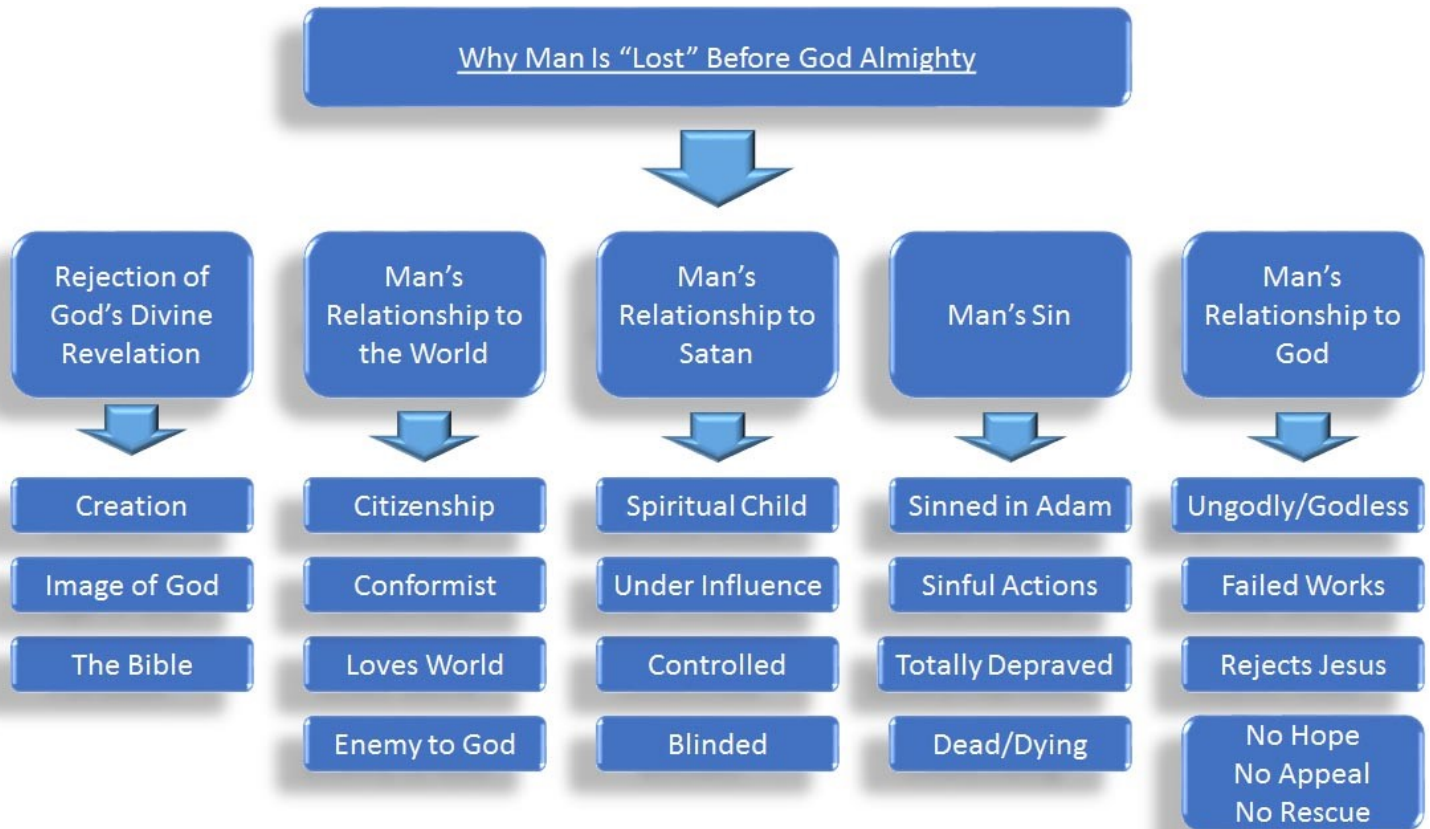
God sees the unsaved in total despair.

God sees man as totally lost. Man is morally lost in an infinite forest with no spiritual compass.

Man cannot rescue himself.

¹⁰ For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.
Man is lost and only God through Christ can find him.





Man is condemned because he has rejected Divine Revelation. The relationships that man sustain to the world to Satan, to Sin and to God also makes them guilty ("Lost") before God.

Every unsaved man is marked by the biblical characteristics set forth in this discussion, whether he is or is not aware of them. Whether or not man acknowledges this position or not, is irrelevant before God. At the judgment seat, there is only one question that will be answered. Did you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

As a side note (which will be covered in a later discussion) if a man could lose his spiritual deliverance through Christ, he would have to return fully to his former 'lost' position and practice. In order to be guilty before God once more, he would have to return to the complete state of the lost man who has never been saved.

