

What Everyone Needs To Know

¹⁶ And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" ¹⁷ And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, " YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; ¹⁹ HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

²⁰ The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²² But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. Matt. 19:16-22

1. This young man had it all, yet he felt **SOMETHING** was **MISSING**.
2. This young man was **SINCERE**, courageous, **HUMBLE** and respectful. (Mark 10:17)
3. This young man did **NOT RECEIVE** the very thing he had asked for. (vs. 22)
4. No one can **EARN** salvation, especially by **KEEPING** the commandments.
 - * The Law was a **TEACHER** to point people to the Savior. (Gal. 3:24; 2:16)
5. The young man was **SELF-DECEIVED** into thinking he had kept The Law. (vs. 20)
6. To be a Christian, one must agree with these two doctrines:
 - * Everyone is a **SINNER**, **UNABLE** to save himself.
 - * Salvation is a **GIFT RECEIVED** by faith, not human effort.
7. "Eternal life" is first and foremost a **NEW QUALITY** of life.
8. "Eternal life" is **BEING ALIVE** to God and all the things of God.