

## Feeling Guilty?

1. The purpose of God's Law is to show sinners their [sin](#) (Romans 3:19) and their [need](#) for a Savior. (Gal. 3:24)
2. When used properly, God's Law brings conviction of sin. (1:8-10). God's Law is [never](#) a means of attaining salvation.
  - A. The improper use of God's Law is to try save ourselves by keeping it.
    - Attempt to [commend](#) ourselves to God by keeping His Law.
    - Attempt to keep God's Law [better than](#) others.
  - B. The proper use of God's Law is to bring conviction of sin.
    - God's Law was not given for righteous people (1:9), but for unrighteous people. (Romans 3:10)
    - God's Law speaks to the sinner to [reveal](#) his sin to him and to convict him of his sin.
    - Those who were teaching a different, strange, false gospel were using God's Law improperly, as a means of salvation by their own efforts. That's not what God's Law was intended for. (Gal. 2:16 and 3:11)
    - God's Law forces me to recognize the bad news that all people are guilty of violating God's standards. So God's Law condemns [everyone](#). (Romans 3:19-20)
    - We need to know and teach God's Law so that we can use it to reveal God's [holiness](#) to a generation of people who know nothing of the holiness of God and who have flagrantly violated His Law.

3. When used properly, God's Law points people to the gospel for salvation. (1:11)
  - A. The gospel is the good news that Jesus is God's solution to our sin and separation problem.
    - God's law proclaims, "You are guilty." And so we're condemned.
    - God's gospel proclaims, "You are forgiven." The glorious gospel of the blessed God is that Christ bore the curse of the Law for us.
    - Jesus died in our place on the cross and there [paid](#) the price for our sins. Matthew 20:28, 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5, 2 Cor. 5:21, Rom. 5:6, Romans 5:8
  - B. The gospel brings spiritual healing.
    - The good news is that no matter how spiritually diseased a person may be, no matter how far gone in sin, there is [hope](#) and [healing](#) through the gospel and in the teaching of God's Word.
    - Believing the gospel does not make you sinless. For now, as we learn sound teaching, we can experience victory over sin's power.
    - When we do sin, we [confess](#) our sin to the Lord (1 John 1:9; 1 John 2:1-2)

## Message

Freedom from guilt comes not from denial, but from confession.

### So What? Now What? Action Points:

You've got to take sin seriously before you can accept the Savior seriously. When you have accepted the Savior seriously, you take sin more seriously. Keep the concept of right and wrong in your thinking. Keep the words right and wrong in your vocabulary. Teach right and wrong to your children.