

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Titus 2:11-12

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

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start over and try again the following year (and of course fail again).

We watched a [hilarious video](#) describing what the salvation process must have been like at that time.

We said that the biggest problem with this method of salvation is that since it is by our own works to attain, it is also by our own works that we can "backslide" and lose it all and we all know how that ends up.

Fortunately, now there is a much better way.

In the New Testament, under the New Covenant, God sent His own Son, Jesus, to be the perfect, sinless, sacrifice to pay for all our sin, past, present, and future, once and for all, for everyone.

As it tells us in **John 3:16** and in **Romans 10:9**, all we need to do is **believe it to be true.** (Salvation Prayer)

We said that it is not just saying the Salvation Prayer that brings us salvation but by truly believing what is said in the prayer. Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again for our salvation.

As it says in **Ephesians 2:8-9**, we are saved by grace through faith and not by our works.

Just like God's unconditional love for us, since there is nothing we did to "earn" it, there is nothing we can do to lose it. If you think about it, it really wouldn't be much of a salvation if we could just lose it by doing something stupid.

Yes, our Earthly body/flesh will sometimes still sin but our body is just a container for our spirit while here on Earth. Our spirit has been made new in Christ and the Holy Spirit now lives in us to always help guide us in the right direction. Also, it is **God's Grace** that actually teaches us to say no to sin and ungodliness (**Titus 2:11-12**).

We said that while we no longer have to follow 613 rules or even stop sinning in order to be saved, God clearly still does not want us to sin. Why not?

God's Law was given to us not only to tell us how to be righteous (and to show that we can't do it), it also shows us how to have a good life. So, while following The Law will not save us, it's still a good goal to help us have a better life.

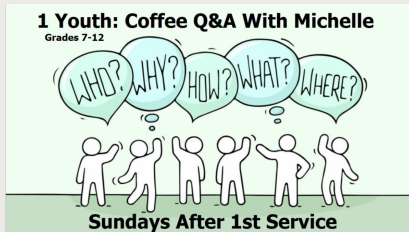
Since Jesus summed up all 613 rules into just two

commandments, Love God & Love Others, it's not even that hard to remember how we can have the amazing life that God has planned for us.

But, as far as your salvation, Jesus has already taken care of that for you. All you need to do is believe it.

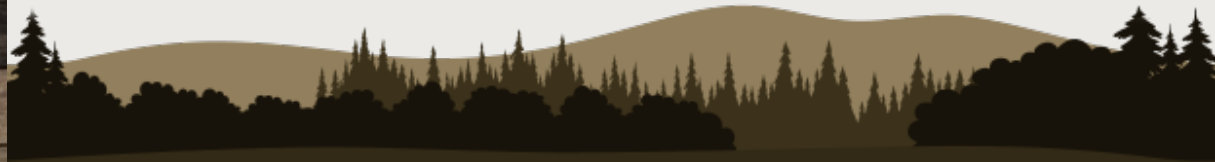
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