



Lesson 6: Christianity/ Natural Law

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Read Exodus 20:1-17. List the Ten Commandments given by God in these verses.

# Christian law in 6 basic precepts

- The source of all divine law is the character and nature of God
- The moral order comes from and reflects the character of God (His holiness, justice, truth, love, and mercy)
- We are created in God's image and we are significant; government was created to protect human life and dignity

# Christian law in 6 basic precepts

- We naturally are in rebellion against God. We must turn from our rebellion and have restraint and accountability
- God the Creator became God the Redeemer by becoming human
- God will judge the human race according to His standard of good and evil.

Creator

Absolute

Eternal reason  
and law

Discovered by  
human reason

Intrinsic value  
of human life

Natural law

Recognizes the value of human life

# Utopian society

- All worldviews except Christianity believe we can create a utopian society.
- However, Christians understand that because of our sin nature; utopia can only come in eternity when God creates a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1-8)

# Revelation 21:1-8

- **21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.
- <sup>3</sup> Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:<sup>[a]</sup> Look, God's dwelling<sup>[b]</sup> is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples,<sup>[c]</sup> and God himself will be with them and will be their God.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things<sup>[e]</sup> have passed away.
- <sup>5</sup> Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words<sup>[f]</sup> are faithful and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowards, faithless,<sup>[g]</sup> detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

# Goals

- The goal of Christian law is not to force people to convert to Christianity but to stabilize society by making sure the innocent are protected and guilty are punished.