

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS

A.

Write these words in the correct blank spaces of the paragraph.

line	whole	God	everyone	link
sin	breaking	Christ	no one	keep
perfectly	sufficient	Law	one	guilty

Our holy God requires that we keep His Law perfectly . No one can do so because everyone is a sinner. By nature, human beings think it is sufficient merely to do what is right. They are wrong. Even the best person cannot keep God's Law perfectly. God says, "Whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Just as one crude line will spoil a picture and one broken link will ruin a chain, so one little sin makes us unable to face God in our own righteousness. We are saved, not by our own works, but through Christ, who has kept the Law for us and died for our sins.

B.

The Law of God serves three purposes. These may be compared to three earthly objects.

Write the name of the object before the sentence it describes (curb, mirror, guide).

- mirror 1. The Law shows you that your heart is stained by sin.
guide 2. The Law is a signpost showing Christians what pleases God.
curb 3. The Law checks the coarse outbursts of sin.

C.

Hymn 579 of Lutheran Service Book speaks of the purpose of God's Law.

Summarize each stanza in your own words.

Stanza 1: _____

Stanza 2: _____

Stanza 3: _____

Stanza 4: _____
