



# Everyday FAITH Family Page

Fear, Love & Trust

## Law/Gospel

Just as the rich man learned that God expects perfect obedience in thoughts, desires, words, and deeds on every point of the Law, so in the Close of the Commandments God shows me how much He wants me to cling to Him alone. Because of my sin, I, too, fall short and deserve nothing but His righteous anger and punishment. **God's Son, Jesus, kept God's Law perfectly in my place and went innocently to the cross. Through Him, God forgives sins, gives eternal life, and promises grace and every blessing to me and all who believe in Jesus.**

## Take-Home Point

God commands that I fear, love, and serve Him.

## Bible Words

What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?  
Micah 6:8

## The Rich Young Ruler

Matthew 19:16–26

A rich young man approached Jesus and asked what good deed he must do to have eternal life. Jesus replied, “Why do you ask Me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments” (v. 17).

In these few words, Jesus said that only God is good; queried what the man believed about Jesus and pointed to Himself as God; and reiterated God's command to keep the Law perfectly. The man didn't hear any of that; he asked which commandments to keep. When Jesus listed a few, the man, secure in his self-righteousness, said he kept all of these. What else should he do?

Piercing the man's heart to show his sin and need for a Savior, Jesus said to give everything he owned to the poor and follow Him. Unable to do this, the man left. His wealth, pride, and dependence on his possessions uncovered his sin and inability to trust God for all things.

God's Law is perfect and no sinner can keep it. We want to do what's good, but our sinful nature stops us. We sputter and stall without help from our Lord Jesus Christ, who kept the Law for us, paid for our sins with His death on the cross, and gives us forgiveness of sin and eternal life through faith in Him. Secure in Christ's righteousness, we gratefully follow Jesus, our Savior, Lord, and teacher.

## From the Catechism

### The Close of the Commandments

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments.

## Prayer

*Dear Lord, convict us of our sin and help us trust You to forgive us and give us eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*