



How much Candy did you Get?

Did you know that there is more candy sold at Halloween than any other time of the year? That means more fun, more excitement, more pleasure, but also more belly aches and more cavities! It's worth it though, the candy is so good. Doesn't it seem strange that something so good can be so bad for you? You know, there are a lot of things like that, things that are so fun, but really not good for you. Some people like to do dangerous things for fun, things like bungee jumping or air boarding. But did you know that there are things that we do every day that are even more dangerous! Many of these things we love to do and don't even realize what could happen.

Let me ask you this question. Would you go out and break the law in front of a police officer? That could be very dangerous! But everyday we all violate God's Laws and He sees everything. As a matter of fact, He even knows everything we think. Breaking God's law is called sin, do you know what the penalty for breaking God's law is? The Bible says "THE SOUL THAT SINS SHALL DIE." The Bible also says that "ALL HAVE SINNED." That means every one of us deserves to die! Let's look at some of God's laws to see if the Bible is right.

God says, "YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME." That means *nothing* should be more important to you than God. If that is not true in your life you've broken one of God's laws. God says, "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER..." That means to respect them and to do what they tell you to. If you have not obeyed them *even once*, you've broken one of God's laws.

God says, "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER." (And Jesus said that if we even get angry and call someone a fool we are guilty of murder) So, if we get angry at someone we are guilty of murder. We have broken one of God's laws.

God says, "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL." Have you ever taken anything that didn't belong to you, a pen or pencil, one of your friends toys? If you have, you've broken one of God's laws. God says, "YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS" (that's lying) Have you ever told a lie? A white lie, exaggeration or fib? God says that any time we trick or deceive someone that's a lie. If you've done that, you've broken one of God's laws.

Okay, we're guilty, what do we do? Can we try really, really hard to be good from now on? The Bible says once we've sinned it's too late, that by keeping God's laws we cannot be saved from His punishment. God has always demanded that sin be paid for and the Bible says, "WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS." But did you know that the Bible also says, "'FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE." What does that mean? It means that God loved all of us so much that He actually sent His Son, Jesus, to die for your sins and for mine! Once we know this we must turn away from our sins and ask God to take control of our lives. Then we trust only in Jesus to get us to heaven, that's what the Bible means when it says, "whoever *believes* in Him."

So, now that you know that you have broken God's Law, what will you do? You can be judged by God for the things that you've done, but the Bible says, "AND THEY WERE JUDGED EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. AND WHOEVER WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE." That's hell. The Bible tells us that "UNLESS A MAN IS BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD." That means we must put our trust in Jesus, then His Spirit gives us life and He makes us good enough to go to heaven.

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