The Gospel: Living Under the Covering of Christ

God's moral law serves as a heaven-sent diagnosis which reveals the innermost heart of all mankind. We can accurately portray every human being who exists on earth as being under the covering of God's moral law. However, the law does not cover, but actually uncovers. The law reveals our sin. The law provokes the pain of conscience. This pain causes many to run and hide. Some try to pretend that the law does not exist. Others may feel the need to blame God.

However, without a correct diagnosis there can be no remedy. Those who find themselves able to bow before God's diagnosis will quickly discover the blessing of God's remedy. The gospel is God's remedy. Anyone who has the faith to accept God's plan will be removed out from under the crushing weight of the law. The law crushes us because we cannot keep it. The law is meant to drive us into the salvation of Jesus Christ.

We are given a beautiful explanation of just how this gospel works. "God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through the shedding of his blood - to be received by faith" (Romans 3:25). In other words, we are removed from the covering of the law and are placed under the covering of Christ. Jesus becomes our atonement cover. Jesus bears the weight of the law for us and we rejoice in our freedom.

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**Romans 3:9-26**

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

 1 Peter 1:18-19

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 Exodus 25:17-22

 John 3:16