

The Parable of the Traffic Ticket

by Don Krow
(Discipleship Lesson)

Read the entire lesson and then answer the questions that follow.

Suppose I was driving 50 miles per hour through a residential area that has a 25 miles per hour speed limit. A policeman clocked my speed with a radar gun and as a result gave me a traffic ticket. I appeared in court and said to the judge, "I never speed on that street, and you should give me a reward!" The judge looks at me and says, "You may have never sped on that street until last week, but when the policeman clocked you, you were going 50 miles per hour. You are guilty of breaking the law and must pay the fine." How many of God's laws do we have to break before we become lawbreakers? How many lies does it take to make a person a liar? How many sins does it take to make a person a sinner? Just one!

Suppose the judge was a friend of my family. I would go into court thinking, "I know I'm going to get this ticket dismissed because he's a friend of the family." As the judge greets me, he asks about my family. He then makes this very sobering statement. "I'd like to show you mercy, I would like to show you grace, but I cannot, in order to be a just judge." He heard the evidence and found me guilty as charged. The sentence was one day in jail or \$100. Not having the \$100, I was prepared to go to jail. At this point the judge does an amazing thing. He takes off his robe that distinguishes him as a judge, steps down from his stand, reaches into his pocket, and hands me \$100. Because he was a just judge, he sentenced me (guilty as charged). In his mercy and grace, he paid my debt.

That's what God did for us in Christ. Because He is a just and holy God, He sentenced us (the wages of our sin is death – to perish; Romans 6:23), but in His mercy and love He paid our debt. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God..." (1 Peter 3:18).

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..... Answer the following by reading the corresponding discipleship lesson
and using your Bible.

1. Read James 2:10-11. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. [11] For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." How many of God's laws must we break to become lawbreakers? _____.
2. Read Romans 3:10, 23. [10] "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." [23] "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." How many sins does it take to make a person a sinner? _____.
3. What would happen in a court of law if you were found guilty of breaking the law?
_____.
4. Read Romans 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." What is the due reward for the evil we have done?
_____.
5. Read Isaiah 53:6. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." The first part of this verse states: "All we like sheep have gone astray." Is this true of you? _____.
6. Read Isaiah 53:6 again. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." In the second part of this verse, what has the Lord done with your sins?
_____.
7. Acts 16:31 in the Amplified Bible states, "Believe in and on the Lord Jesus Christ – that is, give yourself up to Him, take yourself out of your own keeping and entrust yourself into His keeping, and you will be saved." What then must you do to be saved?
_____.
8. In the English dictionary there is just one word for "believe" that means: "To hold an opinion; think or consider to be true or honest." In the Greek language of the New Testament, "belief" or "faith" means, "having confidence in, trusting, reliance upon, placing one's self in the care of another." How does the Greek language define "faith" or "believing?" _____.

9. Read Acts 26:18. "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." What two things must we turn from in order to turn to God? _____
_____.
10. Read John 6:37. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." If you come to Jesus, what does He promise He will do?
_____.
11. Read 1 John 5:11-12. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. [12] He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." If you have the Son of God in your life, what do you have?
_____.
12. Read 1 John 5:11. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." Where is eternal life found? _____.
13. Read John 5:40. "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." Why didn't the Jews receive the eternal life Christ offered?
_____.
14. Read Matthew 11:28 and Mark 2:17. [Matt. 11:28] "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [Mark 2:17] "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Who is Jesus calling unto Himself?
_____.

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Do not look at the answer key until you have completed the questions.
Compare your answers with the following answers.

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Just one!
2. Read Romans 3:10, 23. How many sins does it take to make a person a sinner?
Just one!
3. What would happen in a court of law if you were found guilty of breaking the law?
You would be sentenced or made to pay the fine.
4. Read Romans 6:23. What is the due reward for the evil we have done?
Death; that is, to perish (See Jn 3:16).
5. Read Isaiah 53:6. The first part of this verse states: "All we like sheep have gone astray." Is this true of you?
Yes.
6. Read Isaiah 53:6 again. In the second part of this verse, what has the Lord done with your sins?
Laid them upon Jesus.
7. Read Acts 16:31 in the Amplified Bible. What then must you do to be saved?
Believe in, that is, entrust yourself unto His keeping and saving work.
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Trust, reliance upon, placing one's self in the care of another.
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Darkness and Satan.
10. Read John 6:37. If you come to Jesus, what does He promise He will do?
He will never cast you out, or away.
11. Read 1 John 5:11-12. "If you have the Son of God in your life, what do you have?"
Eternal life.

12. Read 1 John 5:11. Where is eternal life found?
In His (God's) Son.
13. Read John 5:40. Why didn't the Jews receive the eternal life Christ offered?
They would not come to Him (Christ) to receive it.
14. Read Matthew 11:28 and Mark 2:17. Who is Jesus calling unto Himself?
Those who are weary (that is, labor) and are heavy-laden and sinners unto repentance.

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