NATURE OF THE LAW

01 The Law Requires Behaviors That the Sinner's Heart Does Not Want To Do

• It asks you to do what you do not desire to do

02 The Law Calls the Sinner to do What <u>He Cannot Do</u>

• It asks you to do what is impossible. That is, love God and others.

03 The Law Burdens All Sinners with Absolute Perfection, and Accepts Nothing Less

• You offend in one place, and you shattered the whole law. Nothing short of perfection.

04 The Law <u>Refuses to Accept Effort</u> as Any Consolation

• Trying hard does not matter. You accumulate zero with whatever human good you might have done.

05 The Law Accepts <u>No Limited Payment</u> For Its Violators

• You cannot work off this debt. Violators cannot undo any sin debt.

06 The Law Is An Unrelenting Taskmaster

• It never lightens the load. It never gives the sinner a vacation from demanding obedience.

07 The Law Breaks The Soul

• The sinner experiences guilt, shame, futility, doubt and fear. You are left with these feelings.

08 The Law Promises To Punish the Sinner Eternally in Hell

• There will be no punishment the sinner bears in hell that will finally cancel out his sin. There is no end.

09 The Law Gives <u>No Help</u> To The Sinner

• The Law establishes a standard, but gives you no help to keep it.

10 The Law Provides <u>No Restoration</u> Or Hope

• There is no path back to God. While under the Law there will never be a better day.

11 The Law Listens To <u>No Repentance</u>

• It will not hear your cry, or sorrow. The Law is deaf.

12 The Law Offers No Forgiveness

• You can cry out for mercy or grace, but it does not have any. The Law does not forgive you.