Jesus said, "... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ... The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Jn 14:6; Lk 19:10).

Christ is passionate about saving the perishing. He highlighted His parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son, with tremendous rejoicing over their recovery. The purpose of His coming was to destroy the devil's work—to seek and to save the lost.

People of the Christian faith understand that to be "separate" from the Lord Jesus is to be "lost." As followers of Christ, we are taught that our privilege (and obligation) is to share the Good News of salvation.

God's kingdom advances as those who have been saved by Jesus—the way, the truth, and the life—share their testimony and witness to those who are spiritually lost. But how do we recognize who is lost?

When we hear a foul-mouthed person using God's name in vain, we believe they need to hear about the holy and righteous God of love. If we see someone living in adultery or worship-
ing “other gods,” we understand they are not united with Christ. If we read about a man who just robbed a bank or committed murder, we know he needs to experience the saving power of Jesus.

Whenever a person’s actions reflect a glaring disregard for God’s Commandments, we recognize they are separated from Jesus. The Bible labels them as lost—spiritually dead.

“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 Jn 2:3-4).

Can anyone know Christ without obeying His commandments? Read that verse again. Then consider how John tells us to identify those who are the children of God: “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him” (1 Jn 2:29).

Disobedience to God’s commandments is the opposite of practicing righteousness. In fact, did you know that is how the Bible defines sin?

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness” (1 Jn 3:4). There you have it—the only definition of sin in the Bible. Sin is lawlessness, the breaking of God’s Law! Sin separates us from God. Separation from God robs us of eternal life with Him.

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning …” (1 Jn 3:8). Satan is the master separator. His objective is to cause separation between God and us through the introduction of sin.

Why do Christians consider actions such as taking God’s name in vain, serving other so-called gods, dishonoring parents, murder, adultery, stealing, lying, and coveting as sinful? Because we know these acts break the Law of God.

But there’s more to God’s Ten Commandment Law, and that presents us with a problem.
To Keep or Not to Keep?

How would you react if I used the fourth commandment to illustrate “lawlessness” that could separate you from a loving Savior? When I suggest that ignoring God’s seventh-day (Saturday) Sabbath is the breaking of God’s law, many Christians change camps.

The same people who were saying “amen” to the list of sins reviewed above hop to the other side and say, “Wait a minute! The Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross. They’re no longer valid.”

Seems as though people in this camp choose to believe the only commandment nailed to the cross was God’s holy Sabbath—the day God set aside for developing an intimate relationship with Him.

I’m delighted the Bible declares the “handwriting of ordinances” was nailed to the cross. We will discuss this in depth. I hope Scripture will prove to you this verse refers to the Law of Moses.

Among other Bible evidence we examine, we’ll see if God’s Sabbath was instituted at Creation and if His commandments were known before Mt. Sinai. Did the great forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, keep all of God’s Ten Commandment Law?

But for now, let me toss out a few “teasers” for those who think God’s seventh-day (Saturday) Sabbath was canceled at the Cross—

1. “And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath” (Mt 24:20).

In the context of this Bible passage (Mt 24:15-24), Jesus warned of a time of tribulation that would occur many years after His death. If Jesus knew the Sabbath would no longer be in effect after His resurrection, why did He instruct His followers to pray their flight would not be on the Sabbath?