

## The Immutable Laws of God

### Introduction

1. God created **(Genesis 1:1)**.
  - a. In His creation there are the **“visible and invisible” (Colossians 1:15-16)**.
  - b. Things seen are temporary, things not seen are eternal **(2 Corinthians 4:18)**.
  - c. In the creation, the “visible” has an end and will eventually exist no more. The “invisible” has no end and will continue after the visible is gone.
2. The key member of God’s creation was both part of the **“visible and invisible” – Genesis 2:7** – dust of the ground (visible), breath of life (invisible).
  - a. As with all other things “visible and invisible,” one part of man will cease to be, and the other will continue **– Ecclesiastes 12:7**
3. In creation, both visible and invisible, were created laws of God – **Colossians 1:17 – “in Him all things consist.” (“in Him all things hold together” – ESV, NASB)**
  - a. He does this by His word – **Hebrews 1:2-3 – “word of His power.”**
  - b. The fact of these being held together indicates an unchangeable order, not chaotic change.
4. While others dwell in the visible and invisible, the one created being with whom these laws have the most concern is man in his dual nature.
  - a. The natural laws of God are man’s concern if he is to stay alive and thrive on earth.
  - b. The spiritual laws of God are man’s concern if he is to continue in a blessed state after the natural is melted away.
  - c. Both laws will only benefit the one who learns them and abides by them. Those who seek to defy them fail.
- I. The Natural Laws of God
  - A. Immutable Laws (<https://answersingenesis.org/is-god-real/god-natural-law/>)
    - a. Law of Biogenesis
      - i. Law of life – life only comes from life.
        1. This can be observed, and there has been no observation of anything different.
        2. Evolutionary theory suggests that life spontaneously formed from nonliving chemicals. (Even though there has never been a case of such occurring.) (violates law of Biogenesis)
      - ii. If life comes from life, then it is after the same kind of life:
        1. **Genesis 1:11** – herbs – CANNOT SOW AN APPLE SEED TO GET ORANGES.
        2. **Genesis 1:24-25** – animals – CANNOT BREED CANINES WITH FELINES.
    - b. Laws of Chemistry
      - i. Human body – powered by chemical reactions and require the law of chemistry for consistency and uniformity.
        1. Requires oxygen, without which organs die.

2. Requires water – which itself is a chemical compound (H<sub>2</sub>O).
3. Must maintain proper chemical balance – Oxygen, nitrogen, potassium, magnesium, iron, etc.
- ii. Medicine – modern medicine is lightyears ahead of what it used to be.
  1. The ascension to modern medicine has been in large part from an advancement in understanding the laws of chemistry.
  2. Proper medicines, and their proper dosages owe their discovery to the laws of chemistry – how they react to the body is dependent on this.
  3. Seeking to contradict these laws of chemistry with improper dosages of medicine can be ineffective, and also deadly.
- c. Laws of Planetary Motion
  - i. How the planets orbit, to the exact math – Johannes Kepler – three laws of planetary motion.
    1. Orbit in Ellipses
    2. Sweep out equal areas at equal times – speed up as they get closer to the sun within their orbit.
    3. Exact mathematical relationship between planet's distance from the sun, and its orbital period.
  - ii. Signs, seasons, days and years – **Genesis 1:14** – we literally set our watches by this.
  - iii. If these laws were altered, we'd cease to exist – too far away from sun and we freeze, too close and we burn.
- d. Laws of Physics
  - i. Most fundamental set of laws to the universe – all other laws trace back to the laws of physics in one way or another.
  - ii. Some laws consider – How light propagates, how energy is transported, how gravity operates, how mass moves through space, and many other phenomena.
  - iii. EX: Gravity – without this law we would be sucked into outer space.
  - iv. EX: Pauli Exclusion Principle – two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time. (Why it hurts when your hand is still in the car door when it closes.)
  - v. Everything we do relies upon the laws of physics in one way or another.
- e. Laws of Logic
  - i. There are universal laws with how we think and communicate.
  - ii. These are necessary to do any rational thinking.
    1. The discovery of these other laws relied upon logic.

- iii. EX: Law of Noncontradiction – you cannot have “A” and “not A” at the same time.
    - 1. Court – where were you at a given time – cannot be two places at once. (either an alibi, or it is condemning evidence)
  - f. The Uniformity of Nature
    - i. These laws of nature are consistent throughout time and space.
    - ii. Science depends on the consistency of these laws in order for further discovery.
      - 1. If these laws were ever changing, there would be no progress.
    - iii. How are they uniform? – **Colossians 1:17** – they have been implemented and upheld by the Creator.
  - B. Immutable Implies Impartial
    - a. If something is unchangeable, then it matters not who seeks to change it or defy it. These immutable natural laws are undefeated. (Save miraculous works of God.)
      - i. One cannot change what they do with the expectation of any law of nature to alter to fit their change. We have always, and always will need to adapt to the laws of nature governing this physical realm.
      - ii. Gravity will kill anyone given a high enough fall – whether it is an innocent child, or a hardened criminal.
    - b. EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THESE TRUTHS, AND NOBODY IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD TRY TO DEFY THESE LAWS. THEY KNOW THEY MUST BE OBEYED IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.
- II. The Spiritual Laws of God
- A. Immutable Laws
    - a. Natural Laws are implemented and upheld by God’s word – **Hebrews 1:2-3**
      - i. **Psalm 33:6-9** – God created by His word, and it stands fast by His word. (Strikes fear and awe.)
      - ii. If His word is true, and undefeated when defied in natural law, HOW MUCH MORE SO IN SPIRITUAL LAW – **Psalm 33:4-5** – loves righteousness and justice. What of the unrighteous?
    - b. **Psalm 50:16-17, 21** – some declare God’s laws but do not abide by them – but God will require an answer in judgment for those how defy His laws. (They are immutable – they will stand.)
    - c. Examples:
      - i. **Cain** (Genesis 4) – offering not respected by God – in some way did not submit to the commands of God regarding the offerings. (Abel offered by faith)
      - ii. **Balaam** (Numbers 22) – went with Balak’s men against God’s instruction because of the riches Balak offered. (Rebuked for

- iniquity by his donkey – **2 Peter 2:15-16**) (King of Moab wanting Balaam to curse Israel)
- iii. **Korah** (Numbers 16) – rebelled against God by rising up against Moses and Aaron, claiming they took too much upon themselves when it was God who placed them.
  - iv. **False teachers Jude warned about** – **Jude 11** – they followed the same ways many years later, and stand condemned the same.
- d. Like with natural law, in spiritual law IMMUTABLE IMPLIES IMPARTIAL – **Romans 2:6-11** – it doesn't matter who you are, God will judge you without partiality according to His law.
- B. Immutable Spiritual Laws
- a. Salvation
    - i. God's law of salvation – **Romans 8:1-2** – Law of Spirit (HS)
      - 1. Ergo, sow to Spirit (do what Spirit says), reap salvation – **Galatians 6:7-8** (not any creed/discipline of man, or a "good moral life")
      - 2. Freed from sin and death – **Romans 1:16** – power of God to salvation (from sin and death).
    - ii. Will one be lost without the gospel?
      - 1. What if they don't hear it, therefore don't know it to believe it? (**cf. Romans 10:18** – Paul assures that Israel had heard – they were not at a disadvantage)
      - 2. Yes, you must hear, but does not ever hearing erase the problem? NO!
      - 3. The gospel is not the reason souls die – **Ezekiel 18:20** – the soul who sins dies. (Sin is the problem.)
      - 4. The gospel is the solution – DON'T RECEIVE SOLUTION, DEATH THE FAULT OF THE SOLUTION? – NO, DIE FROM THE PROBLEM.
        - a. EX: Poison and antidote – if someone is poisoned, but doesn't receive the antidote, is the fault of death on the antidote? No, they die from the poison.
        - b. Yes, a soul will be lost by not hearing the gospel. HOWEVER, THE REASON THEY ARE LOST IN THE FIRST PLACE IS FROM SIN.
    - iii. **Romans 1:16** – gospel saves those who believe.
      - 1. **Mark 16:15-16** – those who don't believe are condemned.
      - 2. **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** – those who don't obey the gospel are punished.
    - iv. Christ is the solution – **Romans 8:3-4**
      - 1. **Romans 8:2** – the law of the Spirit is the avenue into the effectual redemption in Christ – **"in Christ Jesus"**

2. Question change – WILL ONE BE LOST WITHOUT CHRIST? MOST CERTAINLY.
3. How does one reach redemption in Christ? – **Romans 1:17** – righteousness of God revealed in gospel.
  - a. **Romans 3:21-26** – righteousness of God revealed (in gospel), through faith in Jesus Christ, propitiation by blood through faith.
- v. This is an immutable law of God. NONE can be saved without the gospel.
- b. Spiritual Growth
  - i. How does one grow spiritually?
    1. Spiritual life is in faith – **Romans 1:17** – Just live by faith.
    2. Hence, disciples request – **Luke 17:5** – increase faith.
    3. Faith comes by hearing God’s word – **Romans 10:17**
  - ii. Are you growing spiritually? ARE YOU FREQUENTLY STUDYING GOD’S WORD?
  - iii. **1 Peter 2:1-3** – grow “thereby” – what? – “milk of the word”
    1. Not stagnate/stationary – **Hebrews 5:12** (regression) (CANNOT GROW WITHOUT CONFORMITY TO THE LAW OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH – ANY OTHER WAY PRODUCES OPPOSITE RESULTS)
  - iv. Paul’s prayer for Colossian growth – **Colossians 1:9-12** – knowledge of His will, wisdom, spiritual understanding, knowledge of God.
    1. Not – **Colossians 2:4-5, 8** – persuasive words, philosophy, tradition of men. (NOT – self-help/self-health materials, spiritual material from erring sources, etc.)
      - a. Appearance of wisdom – **Colossians 2:23** – “self-imposed religion” (will-worship)
      - b. NOT – feelings, close relationships w/ mature Christians, etc.
    2. But – **Colossians 2:6-7, 9-10** – the faith, in Christ.
  - v. Abiding by the law of spiritual growth set by God works – **1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16**
    1. And God WANTS/REQUIRES you to grow – **2 Peter 3:18** – grow in grace and knowledge of Lord.
    2. There is no shortcut, nor is there an alternative.

### Conclusion

1. God’s laws are immutable. This is observed in nature and acknowledged by all whether intellectually or practically.
2. This is the same for the spiritual laws of God.
3. To stand against an immutable law is to fail miserably.
4. If we are to survive physically, we must abide by the natural laws. If we are to survive spiritually, we must abide by God’s spiritual laws.