

## IMMORALITY OR IMMORTALITY? “YOU SHALL NOT STEAL”

The Bible passage this morning is...

### Exodus 20.15

The Law of God functions as

1. A MAP --  
showing us the way to live
2. A MUZZLE--  
restraining evil behavior.
3. A MIRROR—showing us  
who we really are.

### THE NEGATIVE...

***Are you a thief?***

*Stealing is anti-creation...  
stealing is putting two  
things together not meant  
to be together—putting a  
person together with  
something that does not  
belong to him or her.*

### THE RESCUE...

***Jesus died for \_\_\_\_\_***

Luke 23:39-41

One of the criminals who hung  
there hurled insults at him:  
“Aren’t you the Christ? Save  
yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked  
him. “Don’t you fear God,” he  
said, “since you are under the  
same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are  
punished justly, for we are  
getting what our deeds deserve.  
But this man has done nothing  
wrong.”

*Which thief will you be?*

Luke 23.42-43

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus,  
remember me when you come  
into your kingdom.

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “I tell  
you the truth, today you will be  
with me in paradise.”

***Mercy is NOT getting what  
you deserve.***

***Grace is getting what you  
DON’T deserve.***

### THE POSITIVE...

***In God’s Kingdom, ex-  
thieves make trustworthy  
stewards.***

*Be more concerned with who  
you are than what you have...  
And more concerned with what  
you have than what you lack.*

***Would you memorize this verse?  
Proverbs 30.8-9***