



## TALK IT OVER

You Can Know for Sure

### BOTTOM LINE

It's all about trust.

### CONVERSATION STARTER

What was a random loving, caring action you either witnessed or experienced last week? Or, if you could only keep one technical device (computer, tablet, phone, television), what would it be and why?

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

### RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/daily](https://newpointe.org/daily)
- [Embrace the One-Another Way](#) by Andy Stanley

### KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us ... While we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.* Romans 5:8,10 NIV

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* John 3:17 NIV

*Jesus said to her, I am [Myself] the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on) Me, although he may die, yet he shall live; And whoever continues to live and believes in (has faith in, cleaves to, and relies on) Me shall never [actually] die at all.*  
John 11:25-26 AMPC

“Rule-keeping, religious beliefs, rituals and traditions, right behaviors—these are common things people rely upon to make heaven. But the problem is, they are all moving targets. You can never be sure.” – Dwight Mason

“God was not trying to make good people bad—God wanted people to be free.” – Dwight Mason

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Since rules don't make us acceptable and reconciled with God, what was their original purpose? What do you think is the role or appropriate view of rules today? Explain. Jesus-followers don't need the “Ten Commandments.” Agree or disagree? Explain. We are made right with God through grace. We obey God through gratitude. Discuss. Why do you think the reaction of Christians to Jesus' one commandment of “love others the same way I have loved you” is so often negative and resistant? How do you answer, “Where did we get the idea that we are supposed to force our beliefs on others?” How does this conflict with the directive to live our lives so attractively that we win the respect of outsiders? What does the New Covenant mean? How does it change everything from the Old Covenant? How do you respond to the “Trust Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_” stances on salvation? What is your grace and gratitude testimony in two sentences?

### ACTION STEP

I will receive God's grace to me through Jesus for my salvation. I will gratefully obey His command to love others as I have been loved. That means a change in this attitude/behavior: \_\_\_\_\_