

Special Hour 2

a few of the commandments, and we notice over in one of the cases, in Matthew, one of the three, He says, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one. That is God, but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. Now that "If thou wilt enter into life" is not in Mark, nor in Luke, but it is in Matthew. If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. Now if this were a set of legal formula we would say, "Here's the answer. Any want eternal life—/keep the commandments. All right, there is the answer. There is your method. Enter into life. Keep the commandments. Some people will tell you that the Old Testament contains the law. Keep the law and you are saved. Keep the law and you win eternal life. The New Testament has grace. Jesus Christ, by His grace, gives you eternal life. If you say that, you must say then, say that Matthew belongs to the Old Testament, because/Matthew the Lord, Himself, said, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." All right, you say Matthew is part of the Old Testament. How about the rest of the New Testament then? Well, we have in this very Book of Luke, we have Luke 10, the 28th chapter, where the Lord said to the lawyer, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted Him say, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" and He said unto him, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" and he answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord/^{thy God} with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." Then He said to him, "Thou hast answered right. This do and thou shalt live." All right, then, Luke also, along with Matthew, is a part of the Old Testament. The fact of the matter is that if you take the statements in the Old Testament which seem to imply that you can get salvation by keeping the law as meaning that you have to do the same with Matthew and with Luke, and you find the Lord Jesus Christ Himself teaching that that is the way to get eternal life. And, of course, the answer to it is that neither the Old Testament nor the New Testament teaches that you can secure eternal life through keeping the commandments. Jesus is in both these cases pointing out that which is already known, that a perfect man will have eternal