



1. The Expectation: A Savior – the Messiah.

- A. Jewish expectation – (because of God's messages thru Moses and the prophets)
 - 1. The Jews expected a Savior. His coming had been long foretold, (Ge 49:10; Isa 9:1-6, 11:1-5, 35:4-6, 53:1-12; Da 9:24-27. See also Joh 6:14. Comp. De 18:18,19.)
 - 2. They had the Pentateuch, which told that a divine and excellent person was to come, who is called the *seed of the woman*, that would bruise the serpent's head; *Shiloh*, to whom the gathering of the people should be; and *a prophet like unto Moses*.
- B. They missed Him when He came.
 - 1. *He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. (Jn 1:10)*

2. Why is a Savior Necessary and Why did He Come?

- A. Man's Condition
 - 1. Man was created in God's image, sinless, and walked with God in holiness and purity – but by voluntary disobedience and transgression, 'fell' into sin and has passed this condition to all mankind.
 - 2. The second 'Spiritual Law' is: 'Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.'
- B. He came because of God's Love for man
 - 1. The first 'Spiritual Law' is: 'God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.'
 - 2. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)*
 - 3. The Savior came because of God's love and man's need.

3. What are my options?

- A. Reject God's offer of forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus Christ...
 - 1. *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:23)*
- B. Accept God's free gift of a Savior – Jesus Christ His Son.
 - 1. The third 'Spiritual Law' is: 'Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.'
 - 2. *"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)*
 - 3. *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)*
 - 4. The fourth 'Spiritual Law' is: We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.'
 - 5. *"... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)*

4. Square One – Entering our 18th year

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:12-14)

