God grades on the cross, not the curve.

**Two Relationships and Five Paths of Life  
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**Two Relationships**

As a way of introducing the five paths of life, one must have an understanding of two relationships.

The first is the relationship between the “law of God,” and the lost person. The second is between the “commandments of Christ” and the saved person.

The first relationship says “do and have eternal life,” whereas, the second relationship says “do and have millennial life.”

The first relationship says if you fail to keep the law of God, you will suffer forever in the lake of fire, whereas, the second relationship says if you fail to keep the commandments of Christ, you will suffer loss for a millennium in “outer darkness” and possibly “the blackness of darkness.”

**Five Paths of Life**

By understanding the two relationships, one can see five paths of life and understand where each leads.

The first path leads to the Lake of Fire. All those who are alive to the law of God, when they physically die, will go there.

The second leads to everlasting life. This is given to all who have died through the law while living in this life.

The third leads into the kingdom of heaven. This privilege will be given to all who die through the law, become alive to Christ and keep His commandments.

The fourth path leads to “the outer darkness.” This is a place of obscurity outside of the kingdom for all who die through the law, then fail to become alive to Christ and keep His commandments. Its duration will be for one thousand years.

The fifth path leads to “Gehenna” and the “blackness of darkness” forever (Gr. “aion” meaning age, i.e. millennial age). This is the gloomiest of all places. It is reserved for apostates. That is, those who after they died through the law, turned against the Word and become enemies of God.