

Do The Ten Commandments Still Matter?

This question is one of the most debated topics in the Christian world. Many say the commandments were done away with at the crucifixion of Jesus, others say they are still in effect and are a part of our salvation. Which one is it? Let's prayerfully take a look at scripture with an unbiased mind so that we may understand what God says about this topic. Let's begin below.

- So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. - *Psalms 119:44*
- Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgements, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: - *Deuteronomy 6:1*
- This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. - *Joshua 1:8*
- Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. - *Matthew 5:17-18*

- And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.** - *Matthew 19:17*
- **If ye love me keep my commandments.** - *John 14:15*
- **He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.** - *John 14:21*
- **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my **Father's** commandments, and abide in his love.** - *John 15:10*

Some people believe that the law of the Old Testament does not matter anymore (Ten Commandments), but listen to Jesus carefully.

- **For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?** - *John 5:46-47*
- **For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.** - *John 1:17-18*

Here we see Jesus telling us that if we don't believe the writings of Moses then how can we believe the words of Jesus? The most important writings of Moses were the ten commandments, which God gave to Moses. Jesus explains this because His own character and everything He stands for is represented in the ten commandments. Let's look at some

scriptures that were written after Jesus was raised and went back to heaven to be with His Father.

- Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. - *Romans 3:31*
- What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. - *Romans 6:15*
- Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. - *Romans 7:12*
- And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. - *1 John 2:3-4*
- Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. - *1 John 2:7*
- By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. - *1 John 5:2-3*
- And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, that, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. - *2 John 1:6*
- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. - *1 John 3:4*

Scripture shows that the ten Commandments were still being taught after Jesus went back to heaven. It even showed us in the verse above that the definition of sin is the transgression of the law (ten commandments). Christians are called to not sin, which would then call for Christians to keep God's law. However, we cannot do this unless we pray earnestly for God to help us with keeping His law. We cannot truly keep the commandments by our own works, but by consciously wanting to keep them and asking for God to help us keep them.

The book of Revelation pertains to our generations as we are living at the end of time. What is interesting about the book of Revelation is that it all has to do with worship. Who do we worship, what should we do to worship, and so on. Let's go to Revelation and see what it has to say about the ten commandments.

- Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. -

Revelation 14:12

- Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. - *Revelation 22:14*

In the scripture above we see Jesus giving clear instruction on how we may gain access to the tree of life (eternal life). This is stated in the last chapter of the Bible as the ten commandments are a significant puzzle piece in our salvation. Let us pray earnestly for Christ to help us keep His commandments so that we may live with Him for Eternity. We

always suggest that you study this subject for yourself, God Bless.

- My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. - *Hosea 4:6*

The Ten Commandments

- 1.** Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2.** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth
- 3.** Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 4.** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 5.** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- 6.** Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

- *Exodus 20*