

Lesson title: “The Ten Commandments, Moral Law and the Christian”

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The theme of this study - When it comes to morality -

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[1913 Webster]

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And 9 of the 10 Ten Commandments are MORAL laws.

(Keep this in mind through the study.)

A Jewish radio caller recently was crying (a lot of them believe this) that the Christian had a weaker set of moral standards in the NT, as moral part of the law, the Ten Commandments (9 are moral laws), were 'nailed to the Cross'. After all:

Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

/* He doesn't understand his own Bible. If he did he would know that the Ten Commandments existed even **BEFORE** the law. He would also know they are intended to

exist forever. It sounds like he was just looking to excuse his sins. */

Even some Christians believe the Ten Commandments were nailed to the Cross and they take liberties because of that belief.

If THEY knew their own NT they would know that the 9 of the Ten Commandments were in it and that the Ten Commandments will exist forever.

And BOTH would know that the Ten Commandments have existed before the law, at the time of the law, under grace and forever.

(Fortunately, the laws of society actually enforce some of the Ten Commandments or else murder, theft and adultery would go crazy!)

True, the Jewish law has been nailed to the cross. But the 10 commandments are God's *eternal* (moral) laws not Moses' *temporary* ceremonial laws. They are included in the Jewish Law but they are not part of the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses is also known as the Mosaic Law. They have not been nailed to the Cross. I am here to show you that they have been in effect

(since the beginning of Scripture), am now in effect and always will be in effect.

- The Law of God (the Ten Commandments, is the Moral law.
- **Moral laws are laws of behavior.**

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The Ten Commandments were not written by Moses, but by the finger of God Himself and

Although they were stated with the Jewish law, they existed before the law, they exist in the NT. 9 of the 10 Ten

Commandments are Moral Laws that have been restated in the NT for NT Christian today

***and they will exist forever. The Sabbath commandment (#4), though not in force in the NT will return in the Millennium and beyond.**

Isaiah 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Also remember –

2Timothy 3:16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Timothy 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

So although the OLD TESTAMENT is not our doctrine we can still learn from it.

INTRODUCTION

There are moral laws to be kept in this Age. In the Old Testament Israel had to follow the law.

But under grace there are some moral standards and moral laws that a Christian must follow. God expects us to be peculiar and holy unto Him.

A Christian should have some holy and sanctified standards in his life. Even unsaved people know you can't murder or steal – since these are society's laws, but God's standards for morality go much deeper and the Christian must follow them.

As I said, The Ten Commandments are God's laws, not Moses' law and they will always exist.

They have always existed and will always exist.

The rest of the law is what was nailed to the Cross –

a) the religious ceremonial laws

sacrifices, holy days, feasts – point to Christ's death on the Cross

Exodus 15:26

Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee.

- b)the health laws - kosher, sanitary
- c)the civil laws –regulated Jewish society

These are all temporary. God doesn't need your sacrifices. Your flesh won't be a concern in the future.

But when it comes to morality -

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- God does not change regarding how all responsible beings should behave towards Him.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

His moral laws never change.

They were not 'nailed to the Cross'.

The concepts of the Ten Commandments have been followed in Scripture, **starting in the first two books of the Bible** (chronologically) – Job and Genesis respectively.

Jesus Christ, in the New Testament, subsequently endorses the nine moral commandments of the Ten Commandments through their restatement. Since the endorsement of all nine moral commandments of the Ten Commandments occurs, in part, in Pauline Scripture and Christians must use Pauline Scripture as their doctrine, Christians are therefore bound to trust and obey these commandments.

And **God's Ten Commandments will stand forever** –

Psalms 111:7 The works of his hands [are] verity and judgment; all his commandments [are] sure.

Psalms 111:8 They stand fast for ever and ever, [and are] done in truth and uprightness.

Psalms 111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend [is] his name.

Revelation confirms the eternal nature of the Ten Commandments:

Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

- The Ten Commandments now reside in the heavenly temple.

The Ten Commandments are God's Law not Moses' Law

Moses' Mosaic Law was temporary. It all pointed to Jesus Christ. God's Ten Commandments and His standards of MORALITY are eternal.

So -

The laws of Moses and God's laws are two very different laws. The Bible makes the following distinctions -

<u>Moses' Law</u>	<u>God's Law</u>
a) was added because of sin – Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then [serveth] the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the	a) points out sin – Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? [Is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by

<p>seed should come to whom the promise was made; [and it was] ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.</p>	<p>the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.</p>
<p>b) was contrary to us –</p> <p>Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;</p> <p>(See also see [[Colossians 2:14-14]] below.)</p>	<p>b) was not grievous -</p> <p>1John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.</p>
<p>c) was placed <i>in the side</i> of the Ark of the Covenant –</p> <p>Deuteronomy 31:26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.</p>	<p>c) was placed <i>inside</i> the ark –</p> <p>Exodus 40:20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:</p>
<p>d) ended at the cross –</p> <p>Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, [even] the law of commandments [contained] in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, [so] making peace;</p>	<p>d) will stand forever -</p> <p>Luke 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.</p>
<p>e) makes <i>nothing</i> perfect -</p> <p>Hebrews 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope [did]; by the which</p>	<p>e) is perfect –</p> <p>Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD [is] perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD [is] sure,</p>

we draw nigh unto God.	making wise the simple.
f) was carnal – Hebrews 7:16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.	f) is spiritual - Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
g) was inspired by God but written by Moses in a book – 2Chronicles 35:12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as [it is] written in the book of Moses. And so [did they] with the oxen.	g) was written by the finger of God on stone – Exodus 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Additionally, this distinction can be found **completely** in the Old Testament in the book of Daniel

Daniel 9:10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

- speaks of God's law - Daniel does not make the slightest excuse for Israel's sin. The fault belongs to Israel and Israel alone for not following that law.

Daniel 9:11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that [is] written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

- speaks of Moses' law – Israel was cursed if they didn't obey this law.

Moses' law was the temporary, ceremonial law of the Old Testament. It regulated the priesthood, sacrifices, rituals, meat and drink offerings, etc., all of which foreshadowed the cross. The law was added "till the seed should come," and that seed was Christ.



The Ten Commandments (**abbreviated verses**)

Commandments 1-3 refer to man's relationship to God.

Commandment 4 is a ceremonial law

Commandments 5-10 refer to man's relation to man.

As we said, the Ten Commandments existed since the beginning of Scripture:

THE BIBLE AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS *BEFORE* GENESIS (Before the Law) (Job was written BEFORE Genesis). /* I really had to dig for this */

The book of Job conforms to the Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Abbreviated form used to save time)

Job 31:28 This also [were] an iniquity [to be punished by] the judge: for I should have denied the God [that is] above.

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. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Job 31:26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking [in] brightness;
Job 31:27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:

Job 31:28 This also [were] an iniquity [to be punished by] the judge: for I should have denied the God [that is] above.

The observing of the sun and moon, whereby one is enticed, as well kissing one's own hand, are believed to have been practices associated with idolatry.

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.

Job 1:5 And it was so, when the days of [their] feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings [according] to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Job 1:21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

Job 2:9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, 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:

Job 2:13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that [his] grief was very great.

Job 2:13 supports the concept that the week was being observed prior to Mount Sinai.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

In Job 38:4, God says He 'laid the foundations of the earth' which is similar to the concept in

Exodus 20:11 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. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Job 14:21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth [it] not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth [it] not of them.

This verse makes no mention of parents, but the concept of family honor is supported.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

Job 24:14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

Job 31:39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

Job 31:40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Job 24:15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth [his] face.

Job 31:1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

Job 31:9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or [if] I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

Job 31:10 [Then] let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

Job 31:11 For this [is] an heinous crime; yea, it [is] an iniquity [to be punished by] the judges.

Job 31:12 For it [is] a fire [that] consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

Job 22:5 [Is] not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

Job 22:6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

Job 24:14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

Job 31:39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

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

Job 6:28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for [it is] evident unto you if I lie.

Job 24:25 And if [it be] not [so] now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

Job 27:4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

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

Job 5:2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

Job 15:12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,
Job 15:13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest [such] words go out
of thy mouth?

THE BIBLE AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AT THE TIME OF GENESIS

Commandment #1

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve were commanded to obey God. But they chose to believe and obey another ‘god’ – Satan, who is "the god of this world" –

2Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

For their violation of ‘The First Commandment’ they were cast out of the Garden.

Commandment #2

Exodus 20:4 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:

Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me;

Long before Moses and Sinai, God told Jacob to get rid of the idols, so Jacob collected them and buried them under a tree.

Genesis 35:2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that [were] with him, Put away the strange gods that [are] among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

Genesis 35:3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

Genesis 35:4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which [were] in their hand, and [all their] earrings which [were] in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which [was] by Shechem.

Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

- written *after* the 'nailing of the law to the cross'

Commandment #3

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Satan first profaned God's name by calling Him, in effect, a liar, thus unfit to rule the human race.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For blaspheming God's name by calling Him a liar Satan was immediately judged by God –

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Commandment #4

Exodus 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

Exodus 20:10 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:

Exodus 20:11 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.

Before the formal giving of The Ten Commandments, the people were commanded to observe the Sabbath by not gathering Manna -

Exodus 16:22 And it came to pass, [that] on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one [man]: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

Exodus 16:23 And he said unto them, This [is that] which the LORD hath said, To morrow [is] the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake [that] which ye will bake [to day], and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

Exodus 16:24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

Exodus 16:25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day [is] a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

Exodus 16:26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, [which is] the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

Exodus 16:27 And it came to pass, [that] there went out [some] of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

Commandment #5

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Before Sinai, Noah's son sinned by dishonoring his parent:

Genesis 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

Genesis 9:25 And he said, Cursed [be] Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

As a result the line of Ham was cursed.

Commandment #6

Thou shalt not kill.

The first murder, of course, occurred in the Garden of Eden –

Genesis 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Genesis 4:11 And now [art] thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

Commandment #7

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Long before Sinai, Joseph refused to sin by committing adultery with Potiphar's wife:

Genesis 39:8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what [is] with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

Genesis 39:9 [There is] none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou [art] his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

Commandment #8

Thou shalt not steal.

The first recorded theft and the penalty for that sin, occurred in the Garden of Eden –

Genesis 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Eve was ‘stealing’ from the tree God had instructed her not to take from.

Commandment #9

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Satan, was also in the Garden of Eden -

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Commandment #10

Exodus 20:17 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.

Coveting was a sin that began right in the Garden of Eden:

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, MOSES AND EXODUS

The Ten Commandments were written by God and given to Moses on Mount Sinai in the form of two stone tablets. Moses then gave them to the people of Israel in the third month after their Exodus from Egypt. Israel's receipt of the commandments occurred on the third day of preparations at the foot of the mount.

After receiving the commandments and returning to Mount Sinai, Moses saw that the Israelites had "defiled themselves", and that his brother, Aaron, had made a Golden Calf and an altar in front of it. Moses, in terrible anger, broke the tablets. A second set, brought down from Mount Sinai by Moses, was placed in the Ark of the Covenant. This set was designated as the "Ark of the Testimony."

The Ten Commandments (full verses) - Exodus chapter 20

(Just give the reference)

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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. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

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 labor, 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:

5. Honor 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 neighbor.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

Commandment #1

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Ephesians 4:6 One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.

1Corinthians 8:6 But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom [are] all things, and we by him.

A Christian knows that there's only one God.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this [is] the first commandment.

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

1Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

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Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think

that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

1John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Commandment #3

Exodus 20:7 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.

Matthew 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy [against] the [Holy] Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Matthew 15:20 These are [the things] which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and [your] nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

1Timothy 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and [his] doctrine be not blasphemed.

Commandment #4*

***Commandment 4 is a ceremonial, not a moral law.**

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Exodus 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

Exodus 20:10 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:

Exodus 20:11 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.

Keeping the Sabbath was only to Israel. It's a ceremonial law. Not kept in NEW TESTAMENT times

Mark 2:27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Mark 2:28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Hebrews 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Hebrews 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Hebrews 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his.

Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

The Sabbath will again be in effect in the millennium.

Colossians 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]:

All the days of the year are holy for the Christian. There are no feast days like the Jews had.

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Don't let anyone judge you for not keeping the Sabbath.

Commandment #5

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Matthew 19:19 Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

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Matthew 15:4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Matthew 15:5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to [his] father or [his] mother, [It is] a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

Matthew 15:6 And honour not his father or his mother, [he shall be free]. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Commandment #6

Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

Matthew 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

Matthew 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness

Romans 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if [there be] any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

1John 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Commandment #7

Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Matthew 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Christ goes beyond the realm of this commandment making it higher, stricter, revealing that the problem is the heart and not the outward appearance. The Pharisees looked great on the outside. You must confess your sins and do what's right.

Romans 7:3 So then if, while [her] husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

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Commandment # 8

Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

1Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

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Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

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Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].

Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Commandment #10

Exodus 20:17 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.

Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? [Is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

1Corinthians 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Hebrews 13:5 [Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Covetousness is idolatry. If you covet after something you've got an idol and you are not to have any idols or graven images before God.

And as we said, the Ten Commandments will exist even after the Age of Grace.

Jesus summarized all of the Ten Commandments in these two sets of verses –

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 22:39 And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Finally, this a commandment all Christians must obey –

1John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

CONCLUSION

Psalms 119:172 tells us that ALL of the commandments are righteousness.

Psalms 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments [are] righteousness.

Deuteronomy 6:25 tells us that righteousness is keeping the commandments.

Deuteronomy 6:25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

And God's righteousness shall never be abolished:

Isaiah 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

*** 'righteousness' - never being wrong, absolutely good. It can be defined as "just as if I'd never sinned".**

*** 'justified' - being declared righteous**

We are justified by God's grace:

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

So there is a connection between righteousness and grace.

The Ten Commandments are Gods moral laws.

These laws existed since Scripture began and they will always exist.

They were not nailed to the Cross along with the Law of Moses. 9 of the Ten Commandments have been restated in the New Testament by Jesus Christ. Some of these occur in the Pauline epistles and are thus doctrine for the Christian.