

## ***The Law of God – The Law of Love***

- Purpose** The Ten Commandments are a reflection of God's eternal justice, and sums up the moral constitution of the universe.
- Focus** The Purpose of the Law is to drive us to Jesus in repentance, who alone can grant us forgiveness and power to obey.
- Introduction** Do absolute morals of right and wrong exist in our world? If so, where do they come from? According to the Bible, they come from God.
- John 15:10-11** Why did Jesus want us to keep His Commandments? IE: Guardrail.  
*Let's look at what Jesus considered to be the summary of the moral laws...*
- Matt 22:36-40** On what two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets? These were no new Commandments, Jesus simply quoted the OT (**Deut 6:5, Lev 19:18**). But what does it mean to love God and your neighbor?  
*To simplify this to us God got more specific and divided the love commandments into ten precepts...*
- Exod 20:3-17** What are the Ten Commandments? IE: Mention 3. 4 first = Love God. 6 last = Love neighbor (**Rom 13:9-10**)  
*God didn't trust His people's memory, so He also wrote them down...*
- Exod 31:18** On what material did God write them? What kind of pen did He use?  
*And as if this was not enough, but God also asked Moses to store them in a very special place...*
- Exod 25:10-22** Where was Moses to place the Testimony? (**Deut 10:1-5**) IE: Holy land, holy city, holy building, most holy place, ark, 10 Commandments = Very holy.  
*What about the New Testament times, are the Commandments still valid?*
- Rev 11:19** Is there a temple in Heaven? Is there an Ark of the Covenant there?  
*If there is an Ark in Heaven, could it be that the Ten Commandments are also there?*
- Rev 15:5** Are the Ten Commandments still in Heaven? Testimony = 10 Commandments (**Ex 31:18, 25:16**). The Commandments must therefore still be binding today.  
*No wonder Jesus says as He does in the Sermon on the Mount...*
- Matt 5:17-19** Did Jesus come to change any jot or tittle of the Ten Commandments? Did Jesus keep the Ten Commandments? (John 15:10). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explains the depth of the Law's claims.  
*Jesus' death on the cross also shows that God's Law is immutable...*
- 1 John 3:4** What is the transgression of God's Law called? (Rom 3:20, **5:13**, Rom 7:7) Is there sin today? Then there must also be a Law. IE: Law, Sin, Grace, Savior. If the Law could be abolished, Jesus would not have to die for our transgressions.  
*Sometimes Paul is accused of abolishing the Ten Commandments. But this is not true...*
- Rom 3:28, 31** Can any person be justified (saved) by keeping the Law? Why not? (v.23) What is the purpose of the Law? (Rom 7:7, Gal 3:21-24) IE: Mirror - Jas 1:22-25. Does righteousness by faith make void the Law?  
*Did Paul want his church members to keep the Ten Commandments?*
- 1 Cor 7:19** Answer: Yes. Are there some ordinances that were abolished at the cross? Yes, the Ceremonial Law (circumcision, sacrifices, sanctuary etc.) was a shadow of Christ's ministry and was abolished when He came (Gal 3:19, Col 2:13-17, Heb 10:1-9).  
*Will God's people in the last days keep the Ten Commandments?*
- Rev 12:17** Do you wish to make the devil angry? Then keep the Commandments! (**14:12**)  
*But let's look at the best reason to keep God's Commandments...*
- John 14:15-17** What should motivate a Christian to obey Jesus? (**1 Joh 5:3**) IE: Wife's husband. If we are willing to obey, who will help us keep the Commandments?
- APPEAL** Do you love Jesus? Is it then your desire, to joyfully obey His commandments? Will you allow His Spirit to write His Law on your heart? If so, let's tell Him!