

God's Eternal Law

The Ten Commandments In The New Testament

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Introduction

Many Christians today say that we are no longer under the Ten Commandments [Exodus 20:1-17] as they were only for the Jews. Often you will hear people say that we are no longer under the law but grace. Are the Ten Commandments still binding today? Is the fourth commandment [Exodus 20:8-11] which requires the observance of the seventh day Sabbath [Saturday] still compulsory for Christians today. If Jesus abolished the Ten Commandments on the cross we would expect the following:

1. No reference to the Ten Commandments after the resurrection of Christ.
2. No condemnation for breaking any of them after Christ's resurrection.
3. Sin is no longer breaking the Ten Commandments.
4. No command to keep the Ten Commandments after 31 AD.
5. No reference to the Ten Commandments being the standard in the final judgement.
6. No reference to the Ten Commandments being in heaven for eternity.
7. A new definition of sin other than breaking the Ten Commandments.
8. No reference to Jesus saving us from the sin of breaking the Ten Commandments.
9. The Ten Commandments should only be mentioned in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
10. No longer a sin to murder, rape, sodomy, lying, stealing, worship false gods etc.
11. Christians are free to break all of them without repenting.
12. Ten Commandments are reworded after the resurrection of Christ.

The New Testament Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

1. You shall have no other God's before me.

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1-3.

In the Four Gospels

Matthew 22:37

Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 4:10

Then said Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve.

Matthew 6:33

But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 1:16

And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

John 17:3

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent.

After The Resurrection of Christ

Romans 1:20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

2 Thessalonians 2:4

Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Revelation 15:3,4

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For [thou] only [art] holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 22:3

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.

Observed In Heaven

Revelation 4:10-11

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, You art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power. For You have created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

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glorify thy name? for [thou] only [art] holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

2. You shall not make any graven images

You shall not make unto you 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. You shall not bow down yourself 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; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:4-6.

In the Four Gospels

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

After The Resurrection of Christ

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.

Romans 11:4

But what said the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

1 Corinthians 10:19-21

What say I then? That the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that you should have fellowship with devils. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: you cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

1 John 5:21

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Revelation 9:20

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk.

Observed In Heaven

Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 21:22

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

Revelation 22:15

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whore mongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie.

3. You shall not take the name of God in vain.

You shall not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain. Exodus 20:7.

In the Four Gospels

Matthew 6:9

After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 27:29

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put [it] upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew 12:31-32

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. And whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Luke 12:10

And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

John 19:3

And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

After The Resurrection of Christ

Acts 5:3

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Romans 2:24

For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

1 Timothy 1:20

Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2 Timothy 3:2

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.

Titus 2:5

To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Revelation 17:3

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Observed In Heaven

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Revelation 22:4

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God. In it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger that is within your 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. Exodus 20:8-11

In the Four Gospels

Matthew 12:8

For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

Luke 23:54-56

And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.

Luke 24:1

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

Mark 2:27-28

And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

After The Resurrection of Christ

Acts 13:42-44

And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

Acts 16:13

And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spoke unto the women which resorted [thither].

Acts 17:2

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures.

Acts 18:4-11

And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. And he continued there a year and six months, [78 Sabbaths] teaching the word of God among them.

Hebrews 4:4-9

For he spoke in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. There remains therefore a rest [Sabbath, Greek word for Saturday] to the people of God.

Revelation 12:17

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 14:12

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

Revelation 22:14

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.

Observed In Heaven

Isaiah 66:22

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, said the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 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, said the LORD.

5. Honor your Father and Mother

Honor your father and thy mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God gives you. Exodus 20:12.

In the Four Gospels

Matthew 15:4

For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, He that curses father or mother, let him die the death.

Matthew 19:19

Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.

Mark 10:19

You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor thy father and mother.

After The Resurrection of Christ

Romans 1:30

Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Ephesians 6:2

Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

Colossians 3:20

Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

1 Peter 1:14

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Observed In Heaven

Revelation 22:14

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.

6. You shall not kill

You shall not kill. Exodus 20:13.

In the Four Gospels

Matthew 19:18

He said unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shall do no murder, Thou shall not commit adultery, Thou shall not steal, Thou shall not bear false witness,

Mark 10:19

You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor thy father and mother.

John 7:19

Did not Moses give you the law, and [yet] none of you keeps the law? Why go you about to kill me?

After The Resurrection of Christ

Romans 13:9

For this, Thou shall not commit adultery, Thou shall not kill, Thou shall not steal, Thou shall not bear false witness, Thou shall not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.

James 2:10-11

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

1 John 3:15

Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

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7. You shall not commit adultery

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In the Four Gospels

Matthew 19:9

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery: and who so marries her which is put away does commit adultery.

Matthew 19:18

He said unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shall do no murder, Thou shall not commit adultery, Thou shall not steal, Thou shall not bear false witness.

Mark 7:21

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, and murders.

After The Resurrection of Christ

James 2:11

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Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whore mongers and adulterers God will judge.

Revelation 2:20-22

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou suffers that woman Jezebel, which calls