

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TODAY?

**We are no longer under the law** - Rom 7:4-6 - 4 So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God. 5 For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions **aroused by the law** were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. 6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been **RELEASED FROM THE LAW** so that we serve IN THE NEW WAY OF THE SPIRIT, and **NOT IN THE OLD WAY OF THE WRITTEN CODE**.

**The law is Holy and Spiritual and was given to expose sin** - Rom 7:7-14 - 7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? **Certainly not!** Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet." 8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead. 9 Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. 10 I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. 11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. 12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good. 13 Did that which is good, then, become death to me? **BY NO MEANS!** But **in order that sin might be RECOGNIZED AS SIN**, it produced death in me through what was good, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful. 14 We know that the **LAW IS SPIRITUAL**; but I AM UNSPIRITUAL, SOLD AS A SLAVE TO SIN.

**The Unspiritual, can't keep a Spiritual Law because desire overwhelms "want"** - Rom 7:21-25 - 21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24 **WHAT A WRETCHED MAN I AM! Who will rescue me from this body of death?** 25 Thanks be to God — **through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

**We are no longer under the Law because it has been fulfilled** - Col 2:13-15 - 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, **God made you alive with Christ**. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**A True Christian will display the Law in Spiritual living** - Rom 3:31 Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? **NOT AT ALL!** Rather, **we uphold the law**.

**Though we are no longer under the Law, we are under Christ's Law** - 1 Cor 9:20-21 - 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (**though I myself am not under the law**), so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (**though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law**), so as to win those not having the law.

**How do the Ten Commandments work for Christians Today?**

**NO OTHER GODS** - Ex 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

**EVERYTHING done for God** - 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or **whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God**.

**There can be no ONE else but God** - Matt 10:37-39 - 37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

**Recognize God is Sovereign**

Rom 9:16-18 - 16 **IT DOES NOT, THEREFORE, DEPEND ON MAN'S DESIRE OR EFFORT, BUT ON GOD'S MERCY**. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

Rom 9:20-21 - 20 But **who are you, O man, to talk back to God?** "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

**To know God, is to revere Him** - Phil 2:12-13 - 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act **ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PURPOSE**.

**NO IDOLS - Ex 20:4-6** - 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand [ generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments

**There can be no-THING else but God**

**It's impossible to serve more than one master** - Matt 6:24 "**NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS**. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

**Participating in non-Christian worship is serving idols** - 1 Cor 10:18-22 - 18 Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? 19 Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21 **YOU CANNOT DRINK THE CUP OF THE LORD AND THE CUP OF DEMONS TOO; YOU CANNOT HAVE A PART IN BOTH THE LORD'S TABLE AND THE TABLE OF DEMONS**. 22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

**This also includes serving fleshly desires –**

**They belong to what we must destroy** - Col 3:5-7 - 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, WHICH IS IDOLATRY. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

**There can be no excuse and no exceptions** - Eph 5:3 But among you **THERE MUST NOT BE EVEN A HINT OF sexual immorality**, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

**Idolators WILL NOT enter heaven so do not partner with them** - Eph 5:5-7 - 5 **FOR OF THIS YOU CAN BE SURE: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — HAS ANY INHERITANCE IN THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST AND OF GOD**. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

**Partnering with non-Christians is idolatry** - 2 Cor 6:14-16 - 14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 **What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols?** For **WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD**. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

**Allowing anything other than PURE God is idolatry** - 2 Cor 11:2-4 - 2 **I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy**. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, **YOU PUT UP WITH IT EASILY ENOUGH**.

**Simply put, AVOID IDOLATRY**

1 Cor 10:14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

1 John 5:21 - Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

**DON'T USE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN - Ex 20:7** "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

**Our prayers should start with recognition of how sacred God's name is** - Matt 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

**Hallowed** - hagiatio (hag-ee-ad'-zo); to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to revere

**His name as Jesus is what we need to believe in to have life** - John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed IN THE NAME of God's one and only Son.

## **There is power in his name**

1 Cor 6:9-11 - 9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you WERE. But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were justified **IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** and by the Spirit of our God.

Col 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all **IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS**, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Christians represent God to the world** - 2 Cor 5:20-21 - 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Christians not living as Christians blaspheme God's name** - Rom 2:21-24 - 21 you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? 24 As it is written: "**God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.**"

**REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY** - Ex 20:8-11 - 8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**The Sabbath was made for man** - Mark 2:27 - Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was **made for man**, not man for the Sabbath.

**Christians are to BE Holy in ALL we do** - 1 Peter 1:15-16 - 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so **BE HOLY IN ALL YOU DO**; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

**The Sabbath pointed towards our lives in Jesus**-Col 2:16-17 - 16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or **A SABBATH DAY.** 17 These are a **SHADOW OF THE THINGS THAT WERE TO COME; THE REALITY, HOWEVER, IS FOUND IN CHRIST.**

**Jesus is now our rest** - Matt 11:28-30 - 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and **I will give you rest.** 29 Take my yoke upon you and **learn from me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and **you will find rest for your souls.** 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**REST is the key** - Heb 4: 1-11 - Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. 2 For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard **was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.** 3 Now **we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,** "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. 4 For somewhere he has **spoken about the seventh day in these words:** "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." 5 And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest." 6 It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. 7 Therefore **God again SET A CERTAIN DAY, CALLING IT TODAY,** when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. 9 There remains, then, a **Sabbath — rest for the people of God;** **10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.** 11 Let us, therefore, **MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENTER THAT REST,** so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

**If you would like to dedicate a day to God that's fine** - Rom 14:5-6 - 5 One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord.

**HONOR YOU FATHER AND MOTHER** - Ex 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

**One of the characteristics today is children disobeying their parents** (2 Tim 3:2 & Rom 1:29-30)

**Parents are to raise their children to be Godly** - Mal 2:115 Has not [the Lord] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking **GODLY OFFSPRING**. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

**Parents do this by not frustrating, but by training in the Lord** - Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the **training and instruction of the Lord**.

**Honor & obey Parents** - Eph 6:1-3 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

**Children should take care of their parents when needed** - 1 Tim 5:3-4 - 3 Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. 4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

**DO NOT MURDER** - Ex 20:13 "You shall not murder.

**Spiritually Murder means so much more** - Matt 5:21-24 - 21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.**

**Spiritually, hate is equal to murder** - 1 John 3:15-16 - 15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. 16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

**Love is an action!!!** - 1 John 3:18-19 - 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with **ACTIONS** and **IN TRUTH**. 19 **This then is how we know that we belong to the truth**, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence

**DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY** - Ex 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery.

**Sacred Bond & sacred representation**

**Marriage is a sacred union created by God** - Matt 19:4-6 - 4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the **two will become one flesh**'? 6 So they are **no longer two, but one**. Therefore what God has joined together, **let man not separate**."

**Adultery is so powerfully evil, it is the only thing that separates** - Matt 19:9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, **except for marital unfaithfulness**, and **marries another woman commits adultery**."

**Just pursuing it is adultery** - Matt 5:27-28 - 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks\* at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

**What marriage represents** - Eph 5:31-32 - 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church.

**Even more important adultery is us having a relationship outside of God** - James 4:4 **YOU ADULTEROUS PEOPLE**, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

**DO NOT STEAL** - Ex 20:15 "You shall not steal.

**There is responsibility for how we get and give**

**We are required to work** - Eph 4:28 **He who has been stealing must steal no longer**, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

**Not working, places us in a dangerous position** - 2 Thess 3:10-12 - 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." 11 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and **EARN THE BREAD THEY EAT**.

**Stealing can also be displayed in how we are in our agreements** - Titus 2:9-10 - 9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, 10 and **NOT TO STEAL FROM THEM, but to show that they can be fully trusted,** so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

**The riches' version of stealing isn't always seen as stealing** - James 5:2-6 - 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. **You have hoarded wealth in the last days.** 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

**DO NOT LIE ON YOUR NEIGHBOR** - Ex 20:16 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**How we treat our neighbor is sacred** - Rom 13:10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

**We must remove falsehood from our lives** - Eph 4:22-25 - 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

**Slander fits this concept**

Titus 3:1-2 - Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 **to slander no one,** to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

1 Peter 2:1 - Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

Prov 6:16-19 - 16 There are **SIX THINGS THE LORD HATES**, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, **A LYING TONGUE,** hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a **FALSE WITNESS** who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

**DO NOT COVET** - Ex 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**Coveting is what is used to lure us from God**

Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Col 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ESV

James 3:13-16 - 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter **ENVY** and **SELFISH AMBITION** in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

**The world is setup to make us covet** - 1 John 2:15-17 - 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For **everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does** — comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

**We have to use the power God gives us to remove the attribute from us** - Col 3:5 **Put to death,** therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

**All the commandments in a nutshell serve one purpose...LOVE!** - Matt 22:36-40 - 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 **ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS HANG ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS.**"

**We must recognize the components of Love** - 1 Cor 13:4-6 - 4 **LOVE IS** patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.



11. What is equal to murder?

12. How can divorce cause adultery?

13. What does "Slander" mean?

14. How does the items in James3:14 equal coveting?

15. All the Commandments are summed up to two commands, what are they?