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The question asked if there is a need for Christian to obey the law anymore. This got me thinking and I began to ask myself why obeying or not obeying the Ten Commandments became a thing of debate for Christians? I grew up in a Muslim household where all we believed in was the interpretation of the Quran by Islamic scholars and teachers in Arabic school. We dutifully incorporate these teachings into our lives because they are incontestable, we dare not contest them except one knows better. One of the fascinating aspects of Christianity for me was that it is a way of life. I have heard many comments about how the Bible is a complete encyclopedia of life and how the answers to almost everything about living a godly life is in the Bible. How then is godly living measured if not by living according to God's standards.

The Ten Commandments was given to Moses to the children of Israel and by extension to present day Christians (as descendants), to constantly remind and guide us on how to live right. This thus is supposed to be the primary law we all should uphold as Christians. The Ten Commandments are not meant to be mere rules, they are moral guides from the one who knew us before we were created and know our end even before our beginning. Our creator, he knows the heart of mankind, our weaknesses and strengths. He wouldn't just spit out those rules without thoughts for them and its compliance. I believe Christian should obey the Ten Commandments

because it is God's guide to us to be able to live a righteous life. We claim to believe in God's supremacy, we reference his power of creation, we pray to him, ask him for many things that are reasonable and unreasonable. The book of deuteronomy 4:1-14 was very precise on why the Ten Commandments was given to the children of Israel and why they need to obey it.

The New Testament has over 1000 commandments for the present day Christians among which includes the Ten Commandment. Jesus during his teachings preached about some of the commandments in the New Testament. "You shall have no other gods before me, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy, Honor your father and mother, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal" KJV to mention a few. These are laws we obey without giving it a second thought because they appeal to our moral principles if we act contrary. Regardless of what Bible we read. The Ten Commandment is referenced.

The concept of salvation in the Old Testament is by following the commandments and precepts laid out by God. There is a law for everythings, salvation is promised to those who abide by the law of the Lord. The standard for salvation is determined by God. Salvation is by grace in the Old Testament. Today, Salvation is still by grace. The people were meant to find salvation by living according to the Torah. The object of their salvation is in God's redemption for mankind. A promise that started in the Old Testament from God's promise to Abraham, his renewed commitment to Moses, established through the lineage of David, fulfilled in Christ in the New Testament and continues in the work of the church till Christ comes again.

