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### **The importance of the Ten Commandments**

For many years, the importance of the Ten Commandments has been debated in the Christian community. Some believe that the commandments may be hard to relate to modern times due to the difference in societal norms and beliefs. On the other hand, others may view the Ten Commandments as God's word appointed to us. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the importance of the Ten Commandments and if we, as Christians, need to implement them into our everyday lives during modern times.

The 10 Commandments can be found in Exodus chapter 20: 2-17. As a Christian growing up in a time of modernization, it can be easy to feel like the Ten Commandments don't relate to the things we may be going through due to the different circumstances. In my opinion, I feel as if the Ten Commandments play an important role in a believer's life because it provides us with a foundation for the way the Lord would like his people to live out our lives and be a light to those around us. The 10 Commandments play an important role because they also give us a greater understanding of who God is and what is acceptable or not.

From my recollection (correct me if I am wrong), the 10 Commandments are reiterated in the New Testament. Throughout the New Testament, readers are reminded of the importance of the Ten Commandments through scenarios and lessons. We are reminded that we are not allowed to serve anyone else besides the Lord and that he is the only one who can lead us to salvation. We are reminded of the importance of not idolizing any other Gods and removing anything from our lives that may cause us to sin. The importance of keeping the holy day Sabbath pops up in different verses in the New Testament.

In the Old Testament, people during those times were able to be saved by grace and faith and hope in the upcoming Messiah. When the Ten Commandments were provided, it was viewed as sacred law. It is important to note that though the 10 Commandments was seen as a sacred law, that did not mean that every single person was without sin, but it was taken seriously and implemented within their culture. In the Old Testament, salvation could only be completed through living out our days dedicated to the Lord and his word and staying away from sin.

The Ten Commandments are essential in many Christians' lives, even in today's generation. These Laws set a standard for the Lord to prefer his people to live out their days. As readers continue to read the New Testament, the importance of the Ten Commandments is reiterated many times throughout the section.