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Is There a Need for Christians to Obey the Ten Commandments

The question has been posed, is there a need for Christians to obey the Law (Ten Commandments) anymore because we cannot gain our righteousness through it, but only through faith in Christ? The only way to answer that question is to examine the Law and see if it still applies today. The Law was written by God as a way for his people to live and serve him once they were freed from slavery saying: *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out the land of Egypt, out of bondage"* (Exodus 20:2 NKJV). The Ten Commandments can be found in (Exodus 20:3-17 NKJV). Do they still apply?

Let us take the basic of the commandments first, honor your father and mother is what a Christian should do, or how about you shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, and on and on are these not Christian values. I know some will say that Jesus came and gave us new laws so let us examine that too.

I think that there may be some misunderstanding about what Jesus said about the ten commandments or maybe it was taken out of context so let us explore what Jesus said during his Sermon on the Mount to a rich ruler who call him a good teacher: *"why do you call me Good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments"* (Matthew 19:17 NKJV). That is a clear indication of how

Jesus viewed the "Ten Commandments". Okay, there are some who want to say how about salvation? Okay, let us discuss Salvation.

When we talk about Salvation as it refers to the Old Testament, we must realize that it is a concept in the Old Testament if I can say you achieve salvation through deliverance and being saved from suffering. There are many examples of Salvation in the Old Testament, Israel being saved from suffering, David's triumph over the Philistines, Peter breaking out of jail, and on and on they all believed in God, and they would overcome anything because they had faith.

In conclusion, the "Ten Commandments" were not done away with, and we still live by them today to stay in good grace with God, you cannot disobey them if you do you must repent in order to stay in God's good grace and your salvation depends on it. As Christians, we must do the will of Jesus and not ourselves and live a life that is as close to sin-free as possible the "Ten Commandments" is needed as a guide to a sin-free life.