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The Ten Commandments are found Ex. 20:1-21 which were given to Moses. The Ten Commandments were given to Moses to define the life that God wanted his people to live before him and with each other. The Lord wanted Israel to remain faithful by following the Ten Commandments. In other words God wanted to see the commitment of Israel by them keeping these commandments. The Ten Commandments are clear, firm and concise they don't cause confusion or misinterpretation. The reality is that you discover that the Ten Commandments in their simplicity and directness could apply to everyone no matter how long ago they were written.

The Ten Commandments are still an important cornerstone of the Cristian faith and should still be honored in today's church. Even though these commandments were given to the people of Israel they still have very important foundational principles that anyone could follow to live a blessed life. In Revelation 14:12 "This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus." We find here on this verse clearly where it tells us in the New Testament to follow the commands. It is important to understand that this isn't the only location where the Ten Commandments are mentioned in the New Testament demonstrating how important they are.

Salvation in the Old Testament is not that different from salvation in the New Testament which is that only God could save us. In the Old Testament we see God using men like Moses, Noah and others to rescue the people, but in the New Testament we see Jesus being the ultimate savior. The Old Testament there was a need for a sacrificial lamb for the people's sin, but in the

New Testament we have the spotless lamb of God called Jesus. We need a savior and that savior is Jesus who is the son of God.

The people of Israel follow God's commandments because it represented the Love they had for Him. Salvation for the people of Israel was about honoring the God who saved them already from the Egyptians. The Ten Commandments helped shape what it was to honor God and love each other as God loved them. The theme we find in the Ten Commandments is love and is no surprise that God loves us so much that he gave us a guide to follow. God wanted the Israelites to live their best life after being free from the Egyptians and entering the promised land which is why he gave them the guide.

They didn't believe that the Ten Commandments would lead them to salvation, because their salvation came when God set them free from the Egyptians. The truth is that there was nothing they could do or we could do to earn salvation, because we have salvation by God's grace. We see these grace as we read the Ten Commandments and when we see what Jesus did on the cross for us.

In conclusion the Ten Commandments are not a set of rules that if we don't follow we will lose our salvation. The Ten Commandments doesn't want us living in fear or guilt, but rather they serve as a GPS that helps us to live a life of love while showing us the need of our Savior.