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Do Christians still need to obey the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments appear in Exo 20:1-17 and Deut 5:6-21. These commandments form the foundation of God's law and are essential for living a righteous life. The Ten Commandments cover topics, from having no other gods before God for He is a jealous God, to not kill and steal, to not covet what belongs to my neighbor, to not lie and never bear false witness against another, including honoring my parents and keeping the Sabbath holy. These laws make anyone, whether a Christian or not, good and honorable.

To me, having faith in Jesus Christ and obeying the Ten Commandments is living in a way that is pleasing to God. Following His commandments is righteousness. Knowing what God wants and following His commands is to me being His daughter and not a stranger like others. Because if God says I must and must not do something, therefore I should, in all my might, endeavor to act right on it. It is like being a child to my parents. My parents can be angry, kind, and gracious to everyone they can, but what sets me apart from everyone is the intimate details we share inside our home

about what we agreed to do and not do inside and outside of our home. It is true some Christians argue that righteousness comes only through faith in Jesus Christ and not through obeying the Law like what Apostle Paul said in Rom 3:20, but he contradicted himself in Rom 3:31. On another side, others, just like in James 2:14-26, disagreed with faith alone as the only requirement to righteousness. Jesus himself said that he came to fulfill the Law and not abolish it in Matt 5:17. The purpose of the Law shows us what is good and what is evil and how we should live our lives. While we cannot achieve salvation through our own efforts by obeying the Law, but it still serves as an essential guide on how we should live our lives. If, for example, as Christians, we disobeyed Jesus' commandment to love one another as he has loved us in John 13:34, how can we call ourselves Christians then? This commandment in Matt 22:37-38, while not part of the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament, is still a law from God through His begotten Son and is still a significant part of the Christian faith for it commands us to love and serve one another as an expression of our love for God.

In the New Testament, Jesus explicitly said in Matt 5:17-20 to not treat any of the Laws God gave us least to other commandments. Instead, Jesus said that our righteousness should be able to surpass the Scribes and Pharisees until heaven and earth pass away and to make sure that we settle all our transgressions to prevent matters from getting worse. If the Pharisees and Scribes minister the Ten Commandments as a requirement for righteousness, we Christians must do better than them. The whole chapter five of Matthew gives us a greater understanding of what it means to live according to God's will, which is by Humility. We must not pass a chance

to think humbly and ask ourselves if our actions are right according to God's law. Believing in Jesus Christ is not enough. He gave us a lot of lessons where we can find in the Gospel books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and I do not think it is for my eyes only. To me, Jesus' ministry was to pave the way for us to be reunited with God. We may not be required to do burnt offerings today because Jesus was the sacrifice for us, and Jesus set the example, the standard, to show the people how to be humble and seek righteousness even when faced with extreme adversity which humanity failed from the start. The whole message in Matthew chapter five is that following Jesus' teachings is the path to living the best life, both spiritually and physically, and this is right for us Christians.

I believe the concept of salvation in the Old Testament was unconditional faithfulness and loyalty to God. God established His covenant to Noah, Abraham, and the people of Israel through Moses. Each covenant has its own unique purpose and is all part of God's plan to establish a faithful and obedient people after Adam and Eve failed to do the task in the Garden of Eden. But the highlight must be when God delivered His chosen people from slavery in Egypt to the Promise Land. After saving them, God formed a covenant with them, giving them the Ten Commandments.

The concept of salvation in the Old Testament is a complex one, and there is no clear-cut answer to whether all of the people of Israel believed that obeying the Ten Commandments would lead to their salvation. Even David who is in direct communication with God disobeyed the law and committed adultery with Bathsheba in 2

Sam 11:4, ordered Uriah to be murdered in 2 Sam 11:15, and even told his son Solomon to kill his enemies in 1 King 2:9. King Solomon married too many women and gave in to his wives' pagan gods directly disobeying God's commandment to not worship any other gods. However, we can examine some evidence to gain insight into their beliefs. Obedience to the Commandments was seen as a sign of faithfulness and love toward God, and it was believed that those who kept the Commandments would be rewarded with blessings both in this life and in the life to come, evidence of this belief can be read in Deut 11:26-28.