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Written Assignment #3- The 10 Commandments

The statement “There is no need for Christians to obey the Law (Ten Commandments) anymore because we cannot gain our righteousness through it, but only through faith in Christ.” This statement is very interesting because it is fascinating to learn that some people think that way about something so important to religion and the mutual love between God and man.

The ten commandments are biblical principles relating to worship and ethical righteousness through God, a role in Christianity and Judaism. It is a set of moral laws that should be followed and obeyed. Although by following them, we don't get verbal kudos from God, we do get recognized by God when we follow these commandments on a day-to-day basis. As Christians, we gain righteousness by obeying God's rules and having faith in Christ. These two actions work hand in hand, and not one overrules or overpowers the other. Our task is to both obey and believe as Christians. Not fulfilling one of those tasks, for example, choosing not to obey the ten commandments, does not make us righteous within ourselves or for God whatsoever.

Anyone who has read scripture knows that the ten commandments are mentioned twice, once in Exodus and another time in Deuteronomy. Although these are

the parts of the scripture that state and explain the commandments, I think we see the ten commandments take action in almost every other story of the Bible. Whether it be a story of good or bad, in one way or another, the ten commandments are somehow incorporated into their teaching or storyline. Many parts of the Bible encourage us to follow the commandments, as it says it is a way to show our respect and love to the Lord. The New Testament also discusses our responsibility as Christians to follow these rules.

Salvation means to be saved or protected from any dangerous situations. In the Old Testament, the concept of salvation was used to reference what God did for us, his children. It mentioned that God works to keep us away from evil, of course, as long as we choose to obey and listen to him. In the Old Testament, there was also the promise of a savior coming upon the people in the future that would save us from sin, thus the concept of salvation from God.

Many believe the only way to gain salvation from God is to obey Him and His teachings. In this case, one of the ways to obey him was to know and carry out the ten commandments in one's daily life. Believing and fully trusting God was how people in the Old Testament believed would lead them to salvation which ultimately makes sense, even today. Many people in the Old Testament sought salvation; thus, they obeyed God and His teachings. If today, we are seeking something from God, then we must too obey and follow his teachings, one being following and incorporating the ten commandments in daily life.

This just shows the importance of the ten commandments and how one should not take these laws lightly. God hopes and trusts that we use them, whether we are rewarded for it or not. So going back to the statement mentioned above, Christians indeed do need to obey the law of God as it is part of their faith. By doing so, we believe that they will gain internal, external, and even eternal righteousness from God.