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The Ten Commandments are present in both Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5: 6-12. When reading each of the Ten Commandments, I believe that as Christians, believers, and followers of Christ. The Ten Commandments should be treated and seen as being important and sacred. It states in The Old Testament, "Therefore you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today " Deuteronomy 27:10. The Old Testament shows that obeying the Ten Commandments is the rules that God wants us to follow.

The Old Testament also shows us that the concept of salvation during that time was based on a person's faith and belief; Even when we look at Abraham we can see that salvation is perceived as solely being committed to God but not necessarily his word. The Old Testament illustrates that The Ten Commandments were acknowledged by some but not all. Yet, it shows that the notion that just having faith in God was enough is incorrect. In obeying the Ten Commandments you obey the Lord's commands/ laws. It states in Joshua 20:5 "But take care to heed to do the command you, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and soul"

In conclusion, In response to the statement, “ There is no need for Christians to obey the Law anymore because we cannot gain righteousness through it, but only through faith in Christ” is contradicting because if we put our faith in Christ then why would we follow his Law, that was put in place for us? If there is faith that God is all-knowing then why would we only do half of what is asked and discard the rest? A person's faith in God should not be tailored to our liking.

Works Cite

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