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### Written Assignment - The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments contain two complete sets; Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. They can also be seen in both the Old Testament and New Testament. God put them on two tablets of stone and then gave them to Moses on Mount Sinai, also referred to as Mount Horeb. God wrote by hand after Israel was freed from slavery in Egypt. Even before the commandments were written on paper, they still existed. If we didn't have the commandments back in time then people wouldn't have understood the meaning of sin. They wouldn't have understood the type of person that God wanted them to portray. A great example of the commandments being put to action is the story of Adam and Eve. The story on how they ate the apple from the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. They rebelled the first commandment by putting their intentions before God's. Another great example would be when God warned Cain not to lose his temper and judgement. Cain ignored God's words and became so angry that he killed Abel. After doing this, Cain was punished by God for breaking the sixth commandment by instead of spreading life, he chose violence and murder.

I believe that Christians should have the option to believe in the Ten Commandments. We can't force someone to believe something that they don't want to believe in. They should decide for themselves on what they want to do. I do think that if you do follow them then you will live a happy life for God. People call them "rules" but I see them as guidelines to a blessed lifestyle. I would never force someone to believe what I believe if they weren't oppose to it. In my opinion I also believe that if you are going to follow the Ten Commandments, then you must do it whole-hearted, meaning no days off and straying towards sin.

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In the New Testament, it doesn't show the full list of the Ten Commandments. We do see the teachings of Jesus and the disciples that are expected to still be in the Ten Commandments. It also talks about how God gave his opinion that if you loved him, then you would keep the commandments and follow them. If you have the commandments and keep them in your life, then you loved God and respected him. No one initially replaced the commandments in the New Testament, however they did add additional rules to the commandments. Such as "Be followers of the faithful and patient" and "Be unmovable", there were also many other rules that they added to the list in the New Testament.

In the Old Testament, the people were saved by the grace through faith in God, in Christ alone. Salvation was the same in the Old Testament as is it today. Christians believe that salvation was the redemption of God's grace through faith and cleansing of our sins, just the same as New Testament believers. Believers in the Old Testament thought that if you followed the Ten Commandments then you would be saved by God. Even before the Ten Commandments, people still believed in the make-shift rules that they had. They believed if they followed the rules of the Ten Commandments and avoided sin then they would see God and all of his love and worship.