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Week 5 Summary and Reflection

Jesus's death on the cross changed a lot of things about how we interpret the laws in the Bible. I believe that the law is still relevant to us today but I also believe that the law for many others is something that people do not pay attention to. Millions of people across the world still follow the law and follow it very strictly without any sort of neglect towards it. The Bible is well respected and still has an enormous grip on the millions of people that believe in the Bible. On the other hand, millions of people believe that the laws are not relevant and should not be followed since it is a new world that we live in compared to the world from many years ago. According to Jesus and the New Testament, we are not required to keep these civil laws and many people do not. This question happens to have two answers and they're yes and no, even though you have an enormous amount of people believing in the Bible you still have millions of different opinions and ideas. Even though the question being asked today is as simple as yes and no it still contains many different answers. It's a question that is chained along with many more questions due to the different types of people and opinions wandering around the world. As someone that is new to this type of work and information it actually leaves a little confusion as well. The reason for the confusion is because the Old Testament states something different from the New Testament. Which testament do we listen to as a follower? I believe this is where the

gray area is within this belief system. After some research and reading I came to the realization that the Old testament has always been relevant, filled with narratives, poetry and prophecy that stroke to the heart of human experience especially the experience of those who have a sense of God but don't always know how, why or where this God should be worshiped. If I were to give a definitive answer I would have to say yes the laws of the Bible are still relevant today. I believe that for a number of reasons beginning with knowing that the message of faith in God has never changed. The wisdom of the Bible is timeless and the Bible is full of insight into the human condition that is just as true today as when it was written. There are those who say certain biblical teachings are archaic. Yet they give no reasons for rejecting the truth of the Bible other than their personal opinions. Personal opinions are not a great back up to use because many times people's personal opinions are personal and are not looked at as a strong and respectable answer. Those who reject the Bible as irrelevant say the Bible no longer fits our culture. But, in reality it is the complete opposite because our culture has evolved to something new and has rejected the principle of the Bible entirely.