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Christians accepting the Principles of God (Ten Commandments)

Throughout the New Testament and the death of Christ, Christians today anticipate his return. Christians have questions about the Ten Commandments, a considerable debate in most congregations today. The Ten Commandments are found in different scriptures and chapters throughout the Old Testament. God has provided His principles so that people may use them as a guide through their walk with Him. Most followers of Christ today believe that the Commandments are not valid again because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his clarity towards the laws of God. However, the New Testament discussed the Commandments differently, and Jesus also explained these principles. The Ten Commandments are to be followed by all believers of Christ because while Jesus was on Earth, he followed the principles of God.

In the Old Testament, several scriptures account for the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:2-17, 34:10-26 gives an account of the Ten Commandments. Further in the Old Testament, Deuteronomy 5:6-21, Leviticus 19:3-4, 11-13, 15-16, 30, and 32 also give an account for the Ten Commandments. The Old and New Testament segments of the Bible reflect the Ten Principles of God. These laws are initially in the Old Testament and can also be found in the New Testament (Mat 19:16-19) when Jesus restated five of these Commandments. Based on these various Old and New Testament stories of the Ten Commandments, it is clear with great

factuality that these guidelines are intended for us to abide by as followers of God. Because of how holy our God is, we ought to live holy lives.

Christians need to uphold the Ten Commandments. Jesus followed his Father's instructions and defended his beliefs as He did on Earth. Most Christians now think that since we are Gentiles of the New Testament, we are not required to follow the Law of God. "Keep my Commandments if you love Me," says Jesus. (Joh 14:15 NKJV). Jesus advised his followers and non-believers to follow his Old and New Testament laws to love God. God intended for his followers to uphold his laws, and the new laws Jesus taught the people were to clarify the previous laws. In the New Testament, several scriptures recount the Commandments. For example, Paul gave an account in Rom 13:9 and 1 Tim 1:8-10 about the Commandments. Jesus also gave an account of four of the Commandments in Mar 10:17-19. The New Testament firmly upholds the Commandments, and the Jews held these principles.

The idea that Jews were saved by observing the Torah is a frequent misperception concerning the Old Testament redemption method. Scripture, however, teaches us that this is untrue. According to Galatians 3:11, "Therefore it is apparent that no one is justified before God by law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." Based on my beliefs and the Old Testament concept of salvation, the law's goal was to make us cognizant of sin, never to save anyone. Even though the Jews believed that upholding the Ten Commandments would get them to heaven, Paul and other disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ upheld the Commandments and believed their faith would get them into heaven. I believe that if we continue to maintain the Ten Commandments as followers of Christ, we will see the Lord's face.

God gave us the Ten Commandments, intended to be obeyed by us as believers. Following God's laws is the key to seeing his face, as is clear from both the Old and New

Testaments. It is crucial to realize that Jesus came and brought clarity to God's teachings because we were failing as his followers, and he did it for our sins. Given this, Christians should continue to follow God because doing so leads to salvation.