

## The Commandments

The Torah lists 613 commandments. They are not suggestions but directions whereby several levels of law became enforceable. Jesus said that sin and death are established by that Law. (1 Corinthians 15:56, Romans 3:20 & 8:2) Without them, humanities tendencies toward fear and self-preservation would have caused self-annihilation of humanity many times over.

### **Galatians 3:9-13**

Anyone who lives by faith is blessed with the faithfulness of Abraham. For everyone who follows the requirements of the law is cursed: because it is written, Cursed is everyone who does not complete all requirements in the book of the law. That no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is obvious: for, The just shall live by faith.. (repeated quote from Habakkuk 2:4) The law is not of faith: but, anyone who lives by the Law is to live by all of the commandments of the Law. Christ has rescued us from the accusations of the law by being accused in our place: for the law itself condemns anyone that hangs on a tree. (repeated quote from Deuteronomy 21:23)

The first Ten Commandments express the two primary purposes people exist and are preserved for. Without these two sources of purpose nothing in human history would have been accomplished. Jesus was the only individual capable of extracting the two purposes of our lives. And religious people throughout the years since have taught, fought, and sought to condemn each other to death in order to follow the commandment of the law more than its purposes.

Contemporary laws can easily be treated in the same way. For example: the law provides pedestrians the right of way to cross a street where automobiles are to wait their turn. Does this mean that a pedestrian should proceed across a busy street with lines of traffic passing at 40 miles an hour? The purpose of the law is to keep the pedestrian safe when there is a need to cross the road; that purpose would likely be defeated if the pedestrian bolted out into a busy street expecting traffic to stop without notice. So we go a step farther than the basic laws and erect stop lights that allow drivers notice when pedestrians are waiting patiently to cross the road.

Is the law, providing pedestrians the primary right of way, being obeyed by erecting warning lights to allow them to cross? Only the purpose of the law is being accomplished by warning lights, for if the law itself was being accomplished then people could successfully bolt in front of traffic regardless of all other factors involved.

Likewise, when Jesus, the apostles, and other witnesses of Christian faith begin teaching the purpose of the law above the law itself, a lot of pedestrians can not see, or ignore, the inherent failure of the law to accomplish its purpose.

Our expectations of laws to rule our lives is the greatest source of destructive power that exists. Jesus expressed this when He said, that He did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, would have a chance to be saved. (John 3:17) Does this mean that the commandments should be ignored? It actually means that the purposes of the commandments should be followed and if the commandments accomplish their purposes then they should be followed. It's an easy, comfortable, and lazy way to try to accomplish the purposes of the commandments by trying to equate following the law with accomplishing the law. But it is quite another thing to pursue accomplishing the law by following its purposes above its commandments and legalistic failure.

For some reason most people do not tightly embrace the purposes Jesus prioritized over the law. Many people even seem to reject the idea that law has purpose beyond following the rules. Maybe that's because a lot more responsibility and faith comes with following the purposes of the law above its commandments and legalistic failure. After all, could God expect us shallow human beings to comprehend greater purpose to the law than the commandments can exhibit?

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The primary difference between the Old and New Testaments is that Jesus' Christian message is formulated in the positive instead of in the negative. This is also one of the main differentiations between true Christianity and religions. Jesus said "Thou shalt" and the Old Testament Law said "Thou shalt not" and readily provided plenty of retribution for doing so.

Jesus did not replace the Law, He completed it (see below). Jesus was the only person capable of defining the whole Law in two parts (Matthew 22:40). If He replaced the Law then it would have no meaning. But since the Law was completed through Him and His two new commandments; we can relate the old Law as it applies to them.

Each of the familiar 10 Commandments listed below are identified in two forms

**The first form is the King James Version in orange**

**The second form is the same commandment as it relates to the new commandments in peach**



# The Commandments

## Old Testament

Exodus 20 & Deuteronomy 5

**Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**



**Recognize and honor the one and only God**

God wants us to know Him as well and as much as possible. This is the purpose of His Word and for seeking a relationship with us. He has given us the ability to know Him and how He is the Central Source, Creator, and Focus of All Existence.

**Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**



**Recognize and honor nothing made by humans**

Nothing made by human imagination is worthy or capable of responding to worship; only the one who is beyond our understanding and above our ways.

**Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain**



**Recognize and honor the value of God in everything**

To refer to God in vain is to refer to Him without meaning. Service to God is not for lifting anyone above others. We are to value God to the best of our abilities to assure our humbleness before Him and respect for one another.

**Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy**



**Recognize and honor that God rested creation every 7th days**

Discipline yourself to take time to rest and avoid exhaustion in honor of Gods' six days of creation and recognition of the importance of how He rested creation on the 7th day.

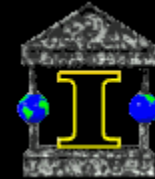
## New Testament

Matthew 22:40

**On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

Mark 12:31

**...There is none other commandment greater than these.**



Matthew 22:37

...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind

Mark 12:29-30

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments [is], ... The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this [is] the first commandment.

This fulfills/completes all commandments and rituals of Old Testament ministers. It is to recognize and honor the one true God, His worthiness, His superiority, and our relationship to Him. He wants us to know His extents as the Central Source Creator, and Focus of All Existence.





**Honour thy father and thy mother**

Recognize and honor parents procreation of you

Procreation represents Gods creation of humankind and He can receive honor through our respect of parents. (also see below)



**Thou shalt not kill**

Recognize and honor Gods' gift of honorable life

(see below)



**Thou shalt not commit adultery**

Recognize and honor others commitments and, therefore, health, and well-being to fill those commitments

(see below)



**Thou shalt not steal**

Recognize and honor others property and, therefore, interests and pursuits

(see below)



**Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour**

Recognize and honor others character and, therefore, status and reputation to express their character

(see below)



**Thou shalt not covet**

Recognize and honor others commitments and, therefore, property

(see below)

The liberties of every person are only realized because of Gods' gift of a life with free will to choose our own way. We are to respect recognition and honor of every persons' life with their liberties and commitments in choosing their own way. As we are all unworthy, we can avoid demeaning each other in all these ways. Though many choose to demean others, every effort to encourage the good in each other, no matter how small, is a sign of honoring Gods' purposes in the fit of our life's as we are.



Galatians 5:14

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, [even] in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

James 2:8

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Romans 13:8

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Mark 12:31

And the second [is] like, [namely] this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Do to others as you "should" want them to do to you: treating others with all confidence, respect, and patience you "should" have for yourself. Encouraging confidence through honor and hospitality, no matter how deserved or not, is recognized by Jesus as an honor and worship of God in His purposes for giving us life. And for Jesus to come and give us new life a second time through His sacrifice gives us even more reason to be much more honorable and hospitable. Jesus goes so far as to ask us to give our lives to the encouragement, assistance, and hospitality to others. If this does not fulfill the purpose of the law then nothing ever will.



### Did Jesus fulfill the law?

Matthew 5:17-18 Don't think that I came to destroy the law, or the prophets: I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. Because I am declaring to you; Until heaven and earth pass, not one mark or comma will in no way be removed from the law, until all be fulfilled.

Does this mean that the law is to be followed as long as the earth exists? Is it possible that sacrifices are due and liars, killers, rebellious kids, and homosexuals should be stoned to death? No, it's saying that the law and prophets will last forever "unless" the law is completed first. Jesus fulfilled the law by completing its purpose above its commandments. Jesus fulfilled the morals of the law and its prophets ceremonies. Jesus did not say that the commandments would last forever; differentiating between the law and the commandments; because the commandments are not the law even though they were a timely expression of the law.

Luke 16:16 It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

None of the Law of Moses did fail! Christ fulfilled it 100%, then He nailed it to the cross! (Colossians 2:14-16)

DOUBLE CONDITION of Matthew 5:17-18

Don't think that I came to destroy the law, or the prophets: I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. Because I am declaring to you; [condition #1] Until heaven and earth pass, not one mark or comma will in no way be removed from the law, [condition #2] until all be fulfilled.

If your parents said "You are going to sit there until you eat all your dinner or bed time" and you knew they meant it and were not going back on their word; then you knew that one of the two conditions had to be met. Likewise, the condition of heaven and earth passing away has not been met but Jesus fulfillment of the law has been completed. We did not have to go to bed hungry because we didn't like what was on the table, so to speak, but Jesus also replaced the Law with the Law of Grace.

...the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God;  
not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. II Corinthians 3:3

