

10 Commandments

Exodus 20

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Exodus 20:1-10 [ESV]

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ “You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

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Exodus 20:11-21 [ESV]

¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” ¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” ²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

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Grace and Law

Biblical Data Points

I. Consistent Biblical Pattern

- A. Grace
- B. Law

II. Examples

- A. Genesis 2:4-17
- B. Genesis 9:1-7
- C. Exodus 20:1-11 (see also Deut 5:6-21)
- D. Romans 8 – “Law of the Spirit”

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The Very First Commandment

Genesis 2:4-17 [ESV]

...⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

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Prohibition Against Murder

Genesis 9:1-7 [ESV]

¹And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem on the earth and multiply in it.”

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New Testament Grace and Law

Romans 8:1-13 [ESV]

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. ¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The Commandments [Mitzvoth]

General Data [Traditional View]

- I. 613 Commandments [Jewish Tradition]
- II. 2 Greatest Commandments
 - A. Love God with all your heart, mind, and strength [Deut 6:5]
 - B. Love your neighbor as yourself [Lev 19:18]
- III. 10 Commandments
 - A. First 5 generally apply to the 1st [Loving God]
 - B. Second 5 generally apply to the 2nd [Loving People]
- IV. 601 Other Commandments
 - A. Expositions on the above 12 commandments [Kaiser's View]
 - B. Do some commandments no longer apply?
 1. IE – “stoning Sabbath breakers” [Num 15:32]

Which commandments are missing?

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Crime and Punishment

	Commandment	Punishment
1	No Other Gods Deut 5:7, Exod 20:3	Death by stoning Deut 13:10
2	No Idolatry Deut 5:8, Exod 20:4	Death by stoning (Deut 13:10)
3	No Blaspheming God's Name Deut 5:11, Exod 20:7	No Explicit Punishment – However, God will not hold the offender blameless, implying eternal consequences
4	No Sabbath Violations Deut 5:12, Exod 20:8	Death by stoning Exod 31:14, Numb 15:35
5	Honor Parents Deut 5:16, Exod 20:12	Death by stoning Deut 20:21
6	No Murder Deut 5:17, Exod 20:13	Death Num 35:19
7	No Adultery Deut 5:18, Exod 20:14	Death Deut 20:10
8	No Stealing Deut 5:19, Exod 20:15	Repayment and Restitution Exod 22:1
9	No False Witness Deut 5:20, Exod 20:16	Depends on the severity, but not capital except in capital cases – i.e. lying in a murder trial (Deut 19:18-19)
10	No Coveting Deut 5:21, Exod 20:17	No Explicit Punishment

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The Three Greatest Commandments

Structure

- I. Two Greatest Commandments
 - A. Love God with all your heart, mind, and strength [Deut 6:5]
 - B. Love your neighbor as yourself [Lev 19:18]
- II. The New Commandment
 - A. Love one another as I have loved you [John 15:12]
- III. Summary
 - A. Love God
 - B. Love the Church as Christ loves it
 1. Love brothers and sisters in Christ more than yourself
 - C. Love your neighbor as yourself
 1. Love yourself
 2. Love everyone outside the Church as much as yourself
- IV. Critical Issue – What is Love?

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If You Keep My Commandments...

John 15:9-17 [ESV]

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ **If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.** ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² **"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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What Is It to Love God?

1 John 5:1-3 [ESV]

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.** ³ **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.**

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Loving the Church

Paul's Framework

- I. Forgive One Another
 - A. Ephesians 4:32; Romans 14:13
- II. Accept One Another
 - A. Romans 16:16
- III. Care-for One Another
 - A. 1 Corinthians 12:25; 2 Corinthians 13:11
- IV. Encourage One Another
 - A. 1 Timothy 5:11
- V. Serve/Support One Another
 - A. Ephesians 4:2; Galatians 5:14
- VI. Submit to One Another
 - A. Ephesians 5:21

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New Testament Law

Regulates Love

- I. Loving One Another
 - A. FACES – S
- II. Loving God
 - A. Obedience
 - B. Fear
 - C. XXXXX – S
 - 1. God doesn't need "FACES"
 - a. God does not need our forgiveness, acceptance, care, encouragement, or support
 - 2. Submission required!

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New Testament Law Old Testament Legal Implications

- I. Hating One Another
 - A. The Antithesis of FACES – S
- II. Hating God
 - A. Disobedience
 - B. Not Fearing God
 - C. FACES – X
 - 1. Pagans believe that God needs “FACES”
 - a. God does not need our forgiveness, acceptance, care, encouragement, or support
 - i. The essence of idolatry/pagan worship

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Final Discussion Points Why Doesn't the Law Justify?

- I. Grace and then Law pattern [Gen 2, 9; Exod 20; Rom 8]
 - A. Diachronic proof that Grace justifies, not Law
 - B. Obedience to the Law is the obligation to Grace
- II. Original Sin
 - A. Demonstrates that Law brings condemnation, not salvation
 - B. Adam's sin propagates to all Humanity
- III. Old Testament Law (10 Commandments)
 - A. Notice how the 10 Commandments require “work” to break
 - 1. No “work” required to obey them!!!
 - B. If you break one, you break them all and deserve death
 - C. Everyone breaks them – all sinned and have fallen short
- IV. New Testament Law – Love through Grace
 - A. Love is a Spiritual Gift [1 Cor 13]
 - B. Obedience to Christ is through unmerited grace alone

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