

Element 3: The Ten Commandments: Part A

Does the Law Have Ongoing NT Relevance? / Law & Grace? / Did Christ End or Abolish the Law?
What Are Case Laws / How Are the Commandments Bad News & Good News? / Seeing the “Gap”

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I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. **The 10 Commandments**: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Judgment Day: The Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. Where to Find the 10 Commandments aka The Law (of Moses) or Decalogue in the Bible:

- A. Their First or Primary Location In Scripture: (Exodus 20:1-17) (Deuteronomy 5: 1-21)

(Exodus 20:1-17) Then 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 an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to 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 leave him unpunished 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 of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on 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 prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives 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 belongs to your neighbor.” (NASB)

- B. Case Laws: aka Statutes, Ordinances

1. Two Old Testament Examples of Case Laws: (4th Commandment & 7th Commandment)

a. (Exodus 20:8 / 4th) “Remember the Sabbath (*Shabbat or Yom HaShabbos*) day, to keep it holy. (Leviticus 23:1-44) The LORD spoke again to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD’S appointed times which you shall proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these: ... Sabbath ... Passover... Feast of Unleavened Bread ... First Fruits ... Pentecost (aka Fifty Days; Harvest; Gleaning) ... Day of Atonement (aka Yom Kippur or Sabbath of Sabbaths; also see High Holy Days & Rosh Hashanah) ... Feast of Booths ... 44 So Moses declared to the sons of Israel the appointed times of the LORD. (NASB)

- b. (Exodus 20:14 / 7th Commandment) “You shall not commit adultery.

(Leviticus 18: 1-30) Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘I am the LORD your God. 3 You shall not do what is done in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do what is done in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you; you shall not walk in their statutes. 4 You are to perform

My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; I am the LORD your God. ⁵ So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD. ... (Prohibitions forbidding Incest; Adultery; Moloch Worship (Abortion); Bestiality; Fornication; Homo-Sexuality: Rape; Exploitation, Etc.) (Psalm 119:89) Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. (Isaiah 40:8) The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever. (Numbers 23:19) "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (NASB)

2. Three New Testament Examples of Case Laws: (6th Commandment & 7th Commandment)

a. (Exodus 20:13) "You shall not murder." (Jesus establishes this Law by Grace. Do Not Be Angry.) (Matthew 5:21-22) "You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. ²² But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Fool!' will be subject to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, 'You moron!' will be subject to hellfire. (HCSB)

b. (Exodus 20:14 / 7th Commandment) "You shall not commit adultery. (Jesus / Do Not Lust) (Matthew 5:27-28) "You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery. ²⁸ But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

c. (Exodus 20:14 / 7th Commandment) "You shall not commit adultery. (Paul: Many Warnings) (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. (NASB) (Results...)

C. Summaries of the Law: 10 Commandments in 2 Sections: (A) Love God & (B) Your Neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40) But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. ³⁵ One of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him, ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (See also Rom. 13:9) (Remember NASB Caps) (Romans 13:9) For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." (Consider the Context / Again Remember NASB Small Caps)

III. Jesus and Paul On the Purpose of the 10 Commandments:

A. Jesus: Came Not to Abolish but to Fulfill & Empower

(Matthew 5:17-20) ¹⁷ "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

B. Paul: Tutor to Lead Us to Christ

(Galatians 3:24) ... the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. (Galatians 2:21) "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." (Romans 7:13) Therefore, did what is good cause my death? Absolutely not! On the contrary, sin, in order to be recognized as sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that through the commandment sin might become sinful beyond measure. (HCSB) (For Further Study See Romans 7: 1-24)