Ten Commandments

Greg Kline · Colossians 2:9–17

INTRODUCTION

- I do not hate the Ten Commandments. I do not ignore the Ten Commandments.
- What must be checked is then what is the law if the Ten Commandments are no longer in place? For we are under one system of law and they cannot be mixed.
- Then we still have a whole lot of other commands to keep that aren't just the Ten Commandments. We would be responsible for keeping animal sacrifices.

1 Who the Law of Moses Was To

Deuteronomy 5:1–3

- We need to look at what the law of Moses is before we decide, do we keep it?
- Not with our fathers did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today.
- It was for them. It wasn't for others. It wasn't for those in times past. It wasn't for people of other nations.

2 Why Then the Law? A Guardian Until Christ

Galatians 3:19–29; Hebrews 10:1–4; Colossians 2:17

- Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made.
- So then the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.
- The old law was there to lead the people to Christ.
- With the blood of Christ, we can be forgiven in a way that the blood of bulls and goats could never satisfy.

3 When It Ended: Nailed to the Cross

Hebrews 9:15–19; Matthew 26:27–28; Colossians 2:9–15

- For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not enforced as long as the one who made it is alive.
- Drink of it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.
- At the death of Christ, when he suffered on the cross, when he died on the cross, that was the end of the old law, and certainly the beginning of the new.

4 Why It Would End: Better Promises

Hebrews 8:6–13; Galatians 3:29; Hebrews 10:4

- Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old, as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.
- We are under the new law, which by definition makes us not under the old law.
- If you think about why the new covenant is better, because first and foremost, we have forgiveness of sin.
- But we know, secondly, that the new covenant, unlike the first one, is for everyone.
- The gospel message is for all, not just for those in a church building.

5 The Matter of the Ten Commandments

2 Corinthians 3:3–11; Colossians 2:16–17; Hebrews 9:1–4

- Written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts.
- What was not permanent? The letters carved in stone. What was carved in stone? The Ten Commandments.
- It's not about the shadow, it's about the substance.
- But what is wrong is binding them, making them a portion of God's law that we are to follow when God has not ordained it that way.
- They were a part of the first covenant. Not because we don't like them, or because I have something against them, but because God said so.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We're not under the old law. We have better promises, and so we should live better.**

MY NOTES