

DISCUSSION OF THE COMMANDMENTS: ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ABOLISHED?

# LESSON 12

READ: Matt.28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16

GOSPEL = THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.

## 1 INTRODUCTION:

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1. It is a good feeling to know that God loves me.
2. I must be aware of false teachers.
3. Jesus is God and he has all authority.

## A. DISCUSSION:

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ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ABOLISHED?

A. John 1:17, READ.

Grace and truth come through Jesus Christ, but the law came through Moses.

Exodus 34:27-28, READ

The Lord was speaking to Moses in these verses.

God made this covenant (Ten Commandments) with Moses and the Nation of Israel.

God did not make this covenant (Ten Commandments) with Christians.

There were none at this time.

Galatians 3:16-19, READ

The law was given until the seed should come.

The seed is referring to Jesus the Christ.

God always intended for the Law He gave to Moses and the Jews to last only until the time of Jesus the Christ.

D. Luke 16:17, Matt.5:17-18, READ

1. Jesus came to fulfill the law.
2. Jesus said the Law would not pass away until all was fulfilled (accomplished).
3. I would have been easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for the Law to pass away before its time.

4. Jesus did not say the Law would never pass away, but that the Law would pass away when all was accomplished (fulfilled), not before.

E. John 19:28-30, READ.

1. All was accomplished (fulfilled) when Jesus died on the cross.
2. Therefore, the Law passed away when Jesus die on the cross.

F. Eph.2:11-16, READ.

1. The Law of commandments was a wall of partition (hostility/enmity) between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles).

2. When Jesus gave His flesh (Body) and shed His blood on the cross, He abolished the law of commandments that formerly had been a barrier between Jews and Gentiles.

3. All men, Jews and Gentiles can now have peace with each other and with God through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, not through the Ten Commandments.

Rom.7:1-4, READ.

1. It would not please God for a woman to have two husbands at the same time.

2. Likewise, it would not please God for a Christian to try to live by the Old Law and the New Testament at the same time.

H. Rom.7:7, READ.

1. The Law said, "thou shall not covet."

"You shall not covet" was one of the Ten Commandments (Exo.20:17).

The Law therefore included the Ten Commandments.

I. Rom.7:6, READ

1. Jews were released (delivered) from the Law (Ten Commandments).

2. Christians were never bound by the Law (Ten Commandments).

3. We are no longer bound by the Old Law (including the Ten Commandments) because God has abolished it.

4. Even if I sincerely believe in God and try to keep the Ten Commandments, I will probably not go to heaven.

5. The Old Law including the Ten Commandments ended when Jesus died on the cross.

6. I am not obligated to obey any Law that God has abolished, including the Old Law with the Ten Commandments.

Gal.3:28-29, Matt.7:13-14,

## II. WE NOW LIVE UNDER A BETTER COVENANT.

A. Heb.8:6-7, READ

B. Through the ministry of Jesus we (Jews and Gentiles) have a better covenant (testament).

C. God made the first (Old) with the Jews only.

If the first covenant (Old Testament) had been perfect, there would have been no purpose for the second covenant (New Testament).

Heb.9:15-17, READ.

A covenant (testament/will) becomes effective when the one who made it dies, not before.

Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant (testament/will).

So, the New Testament became effective when Jesus died on the cross.

Under the New Testament there is the promise of an eternal inheritance.

We should feel great about receiving the gift of eternal life as an inheritance from Jesus.

One cannot receive the inheritance if one does not comply with the terms of the will (covenant).

To receive the eternal inheritance made possible through the death of Jesus we must obey His New Testament.

G. Rom.15:4, 1 Cor.10:1-11, READ BOTH

1. Even though the "law" has been abolished, we can still learn from the Old Testament Scriptures.

2. God wants us to learn from the mistakes of those who lived under the Ten Commandments.

3. Their examples serve as lessons for us today.

H. Acts 17:30-31, READ

God does not excuse ignorance today.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is God's proof that He will judge the world through Jesus.

The question is do we all believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and that a Day of Judgment is coming?

2 Thess.1:7-9, READ.

The punishment for those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ is everlasting destruction from the presence of God.

No one would want to spend their eternity separated from God.

Just being sincere, does not make us right.

John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Jesus is the only way to the Father, who is in heaven.

You cannot obey the commandments of Jesus unless you know what they are.

I. READ Matt. 5:20; 21-22; 27-28; 33-34; 38-39; 43-44. Jesus expanded or improved on the Ten Commandments.

REVIEW:

The Ten Commandments were abolished when Jesus died on the cross.

The New Testament of Jesus went into effect when He died on the cross.

I will not go into heaven by being sincere and keeping only the Ten Commandments.

I can still learn from the Old Testament.

The Day of Judgment is coming.

Jesus is the only way to heaven.