

The Law of God

1. Can God's moral law be amended or repealed?

Luke 16:17

And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Psalm 89:34

My covenant will I not break, Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 111:7

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; All his commandments are sure.

Malachi 3:6

For I am the Lord, I change not.

2. According to the Bible, what is sin?

1 John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

3. To what law does 1 John 3:4 refer?

Romans 7:7

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

4. Did Jesus keep the Ten Commandments?

John 15:10

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

5. How many people have sinned?

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

6. What is the punishment for living a life of sin?

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTE: If God's law could be changed, it would not have been necessary for Jesus to die on the cross. The fact that Jesus paid the penalty for sin and died is proof that the law is unchangeable.

Some say the Ten Commandments are not binding for New Testament Christians.

7. What does Jesus say about this?

Matthew 19:17

...if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

John 14:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 14:12

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

NOTE: The New Testament plainly teaches that God's people will keep His commandments. All of us know that the world is in big trouble today because so many no longer feel it is important to obey God's law. The Bible speaks of our day by saying, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law." Psalms 119:126.

8. How is it possible to keep the commandments?

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Romans 8:3

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: When a person is born again, Jesus Christ, through His Holy Spirit, moves into that person's life and miraculously makes obedience possible.

9. What is the old covenant, and why did it fail?

Deuteronomy 4:13

And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

Hebrews 8:8, 9

For finding fault with them (the people), he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Psalm 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Exodus 24:7

And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.

NOTE: The fault with the old covenant was with the people, not with God or His law. The people said they would obey, yet it did not take long before they forgot the covenant and worshiped a golden calf (Exodus 32).

10. Upon which law is the new covenant based?

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.

11. Doesn't living under grace, by faith, make keeping God's law non-essential?

Romans 6:15

What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Romans 3:31

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

NOTE: Those who have been forgiven by Jesus for breaking His law are double duty-bound to obey His law.

And sensing His blessed forgiveness, they are more desirous than others to happily follow Jesus.

12. Are people saved by keeping the law?

Ephesians 2:8, 9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

NOTE: No one is saved by keeping God's law. All are saved by the miracle-working grace of God. But those who are saved are transformed by the grace of Jesus. They will want to obey His law as an expression of their love and thanksgiving to Him.

13. What motivates a person to obey God's law?

John 14:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Romans 13:10

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

14. Can I be a true Christian without keeping His commandments?

1 John 2:3

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

15. Are some Old Testament laws no longer binding upon Christians?

Ephesians 2:15

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances.

Colossians 2:14

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

Deuteronomy 31:26

Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

NOTE: The Ten Commandments were written on stone by the finger of God—signifying their immutable nature—and placed inside the ark of the covenant. It was the law of Moses, written on parchment by the hand of Moses and placed on the side of the ark, that was “nailed to the cross.” When Jesus accomplished His plan of salvation, all the ordinances and animal sacrifices that were “against us,” which typified and looked forward to the cross, were no longer necessary because they found their fulfillment in Christ. But it is the acceptance of Christ’s sacrifice for sin (the transgression of the law) that gives us the ability to keep God’s commandments out of love for what He did for us. That was the whole point of redemption.

16. Whom does the devil especially hate?**Revelation 12:17**

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

GOD’S HOLY LAW THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spake all these words, saying,

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s.