



# **SUMMARY & CONCLUSION**

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**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Text: Exodus 20:1-17

Introduction: Over the past several weeks we have considered each of the Ten Commandments. We have noticed why they were given, how they were observed in the Old Testament, and what application needs to be made by a New Testament Christian. It has been my hope and prayer that it has given you a newfound respect for God and the commands of God. In this final lesson of this series, I want to offer some overall perspective as we summarize our material in this study. . . .

Discussion:

## ***I. What Was The Purpose of the Ten Commandments?***

- A. Record God's Commands (**Exodus 20:1-17**)
- B. Reveal God's Character (**Exodus 20:18-26**)
- C. Raise Man's Consciousness (**Romans 3:19-20**)
- D. Reflect Man's Condition (**Romans 3:21-23**)
- E. Redirect Man's Confidence (**Matthew 22:37-40**)

## ***II. Why Did God Make These Commands?***

- A. He Commands Acceptance (**Genesis 1-3**)
- B. He Commands Allegiance (**Exodus 20:1-3**)
- C. He Commands Authenticity (**Exodus 20:4-6**)
- D. He Commands Awe (**Exodus 20:7**)
- E. He Commands Adoration (**Exodus 20:8-11**)

## ***III. What Was The Intended Impact of These Commands?***

- A. Humanity Needs Reverence: Respect Authority (**Exodus 20:12**)
- B. Humanity Needs Reconciliation: Revere Life (**Exodus 20:13**)
- C. Humanity Needs Restraint: Repress Lusts (**Exodus 20:14**)
- D. Humanity Needs Responsibility: Recognize Property Rights (**Exodus 20:15**)
- E. Humanity Needs Reliability: Report Truth (**Exodus 20:16**)
- F. Humanity Needs Resolve: Realize Contentment (**Exodus 20:17**)

Conclusion: Jesus lived by these commands. He taught these commands. Remember what the Israelites were to do with these commands. *"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."* (**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**) Are you saved by the blood of the Lamb? Jesus was the perfect, spotless, Lamb that was offered to fulfill the Old Law. His blood can cleanse you of ALL of your sins! Are you trying to please God by keeping a list of do's and don'ts? If so, you will fail. It doesn't work that way. You have to let God work on you from the inside out! Come to Jesus!!!!

***WORD OF THE DAY = "COMMAND"***