



# INTRODUCTION

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Text: Exodus 20:1-17

Introduction: Can you remember the battle with Chief Justice Roy Moore over the Ten Commandments monument? You can read about it in his book "So Help Me God." As you drive through our state you can still see the yard signs and bumper stickers. Why? The Ten Commandments still mean something to a lot of people. We need a respect for God and the commands of God. Let's consider the Ten Commandments. . . .

Discussion:

## I. *Humanity Is Predictable*

- A. Do you see that the world is under siege?
- B. Do you think things seem to be changing? Good or bad?
- C. Are these changes coming slowly or quickly?
- D. What changes have you seen in your lifetime?

## II. *Humanity Needs Rules*

- A. What was the purpose of the law? (**Genesis 15, Galatians 3:11, Romans 3:20**)
- B. Why did He give us the law?
  1. To reveal His glory and Holiness – **Deuteronomy 5:22-28**
  2. To reveal man's sinfulness – **Romans 7:7, 13, I Timothy 1:9, James 1:22-25**
  3. To mark Israel as His chosen – **Psalms 147:19-20, Ephesians 2:11-17, Acts 15**
  4. To give Israel a standard for godly living – **Deuteronomy 4:1ff, 5:29ff**
  5. To prepare Israel for the coming of Christ – **Galatians 5:24**
  6. To illustrate the Person and ministry of Christ – **Hebrews 10:1**
  7. To guide us into understanding the will of God - **Psalms 119**
- C. What is the law?
  1. A Mirror – **James 1:22-25**
  2. A Yoke – **Acts 15:10, Galatians 5:1, Romans 8:3**
  3. A Schoolmaster – **Galatians 3:23-4:7**
  4. A Shadow – **Hebrews 10:1, Colossians 2:14-17**
- D. What does the law accomplish?
  1. It cannot make us perfect – **Hebrews 7:11-19, 10:1-2**
  2. It cannot justify us – **Acts 13:38-39, Romans 3:20-28**
  3. It cannot give righteousness – **Galatians 2:21**
  4. It cannot give peace – **Hebrews 9:9**
  5. It cannot give life – **Galatians 3:21**
  6. It can guide us toward the One who saves us!

## III. *Humanity Needs The Lawgiver*

- A. When did God's covenant begin? (**Genesis 1-3, Exodus 20**)
- B. Why did we need to be ransomed from the law? (**Galatians 4:4, 3:24**)
- C. Who ransomed us from the law? (**Colossians 2:13-14, Romans 6:14-15, Galatians 5:18, Jeremiah 31:33, Romans 2:15**)
- D. What is God's plan for mankind?

## IV. *Humanity Needs The Old & New Testaments*

- A. Is the Old Law relevant to Christians today?
- B. Is the Old Law still applicable to Christians today? (**II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:19-20**)
- C. What did Jesus expect of His followers? (**Matthew 5:17-18, Matthew 22:35-40**)
- D. How can we rightly divide the Word of God without the Old Testament?

Conclusion: Why did Jesus follow the Ten Commandments? Why did Jesus teach the Ten Commandments? These are the rules Jesus lived by, the principles He stood for, and the basis of what He taught and believed. What is the Law of Christ? Read the words in red. Are you saved by the blood of the Lamb? Are you trying to please God by keeping a list of do's and don'ts? Come to Jesus!!!!

**WORD OF THE DAY = 'COMMANDMENTS'**