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The Ten Commandments

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Established by faith. Romans 3:31

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Ritual matters. Numbers 19:2-4
We should not keep. Acts 15:24
Judges no man. Col. 2:16
Carnal. Heb. 7:16; 9:10
Christ abolished. Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:15
Blotted out by Christ. Col. 2:14

The Ten Commandments *point out sin*. Romans 3:20;7:7.
The Sacrifices pointed forward to the Great Sacrifice *for sin*.
The law of Moses was "*nailed to the cross*." Colossians 2:14.
The Ten Commandments are in "*the ark*" in heaven.
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What is the "New Commandment"?

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What about the "Two Commandments"?

"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 ... the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments *hang all the law* and the prophets." Mat. 22:37-40. Jesus was quoting the Old Testament. Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18. The "Two" are a summary of "the Ten." To "love God" is to keep the first four. To "love man" is to keep the last six. Paul said the second table of the law is "briefly *comprehended* in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Rom. 13:9. If we keep "the Two," we will keep "the Ten."

What the New Covenant?

"This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:28. "This is the covenant that I will make with them ... I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Hebrews 10:16,17. *Thus the New Covenant is Forgiveness of our Sins through the Blood of Jesus Christ and the Ten Commandments written in the Heart by the power of God.*

"Not under the law, but under grace?" Romans 6:14.

To be "under the law" means to be "guilty before God" for breaking the law. Romans 3:19,20. It means the law is "on top" of us. When we repent and have faith in Jesus, we are forgiven by his grace and are no longer "guilty before God." Are we then free "to break the law?" Paul says, "What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? *God forbid.*" Rom. 6:15.

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Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Mat. 5:17. "Fulfil" does not mean "destroy." *Jesus said don't even think that thought!* It means rather to "fill full." Jesus said, "till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle *shall in no wise pass from the law.*" Therefore Christ said we should not "break one of these least commandments," *but rather we should "do" and "teach" them.* Mat. 5:18,19.

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