

THE LAW OF GOD



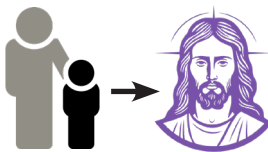
Does Not Save Us

“No one is justified before God by the law.”
(Gal. 3:11)



Exposes Sin

“Through the law comes knowledge of sin.”
(Rom. 3:23)



Shows Our Need for a Savior

“The law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.” (Gal. 3:24)



Teaches Us to Love

“On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Mt. 22:40)

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Preface: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

The reasons why we are bound to keep God’s commandments:
Because God is the Lord, and our God, and redeemer.

The First Table of the Law: The First Great Commandment: Love God With All Your Heart, Mind, and Soul

First Commandment: You shall have no other gods before me.	Know, fear, and trust the only true God above all things.	Do not give to any other the worship and glory which is due to God alone.
Second Commandment: You shall not make for yourself a carved image.	Worship God in the ways which he has appointed in his Word, and look to God alone for your hope, happiness, and security.	Do not worship images, use them superstitiously, or make any image at all of God’s invisible divine nature.
Third Commandment: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	Honor, defend, and live up to the profession of God’s holy name, which you bear through baptism.	Do nothing to profane God’s name or harm his reputation (e.g., hypocrisy, blasphemy, perjury, cursing, and swearing rash or unnecessary oaths).
Fourth Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.	Observe the times which God has appointed in his Word and regularly rest from routine employment.	Do not profane the Lord’s Day or neglect to assemble with God’s people for worship.

The Second Table of the Law: The Second Great Commandment: Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

Fifth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.	Honor your parents and all who are in authority, submit to their good instruction, and be patient with their shortcomings	Do not disobey their lawful commands, despise them, or disrespect them.
Sixth Commandment: You shall not murder.	Treasure and preserve God’s gift of life, pursuing peace with all people.	Do nothing which brings unjust harm to your neighbor’s life or tends toward it (e.g., anger, hatred, hostility, malice, revenge, murder, and abortion).
Seventh Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.	Be pure, decent, and chaste, both within and outside of holy marriage.	Abstain from all impure thoughts, words, or behaviors (e.g., lust, immodesty, pornography, fornication, cohabitation, homosexuality, and unlawful divorce).
Eighth Commandment: You shall not steal.	Honestly obtain and generously share your wealth as a good steward of God’s resources.	Do nothing that unjustly hinders your neighbor’s estate or tends towards it (e.g., greed, stinginess, theft, swindling, usury, fraud, and tax evasion).
Ninth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	Speak the truth in love, upholding your neighbor’s good reputation and putting a charitable construction on everything.	Abstain from all harmful and self-serving speech (e.g., lying, deceit, doublespeak, gossip, backbiting, and slander).
Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor’s.	Be fully content with your status, circumstances, possessions, and achievements.	Abstain from all discontented and ungrateful attitudes (e.g., pride, envy, jealousy, rivalry, grumbling, and materialism).

