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Are the  
Commandments  
relevant today?





# Technically, Moses



**was the first person  
with a tablet  
downloading data  
from the cloud**

- The 10 commandments?
- The Sabbath?
- Tithing?
- the blood on the right earlobe, thumb and big toe? Does it really matter?

Leviticus 19:28, “You shall not make any cuts on your body for the dead or tattoo yourselves: I am the LORD.”



Leviticus 19:27, “You shall not round off the hair on your temples or mar the edges of your beard.”



# The big Idea: Sin-Dominion-Law-Grace

Romans 6:14 “For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

Old Testament / New Testament

Law of Moses / Grace of Jesus

John 1:17 “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

Two wrong responses:

“I am not under law but under grace,”

Therefore...?

Response #1

Therefore...?

No sabbath, no tithing, no gatherings  
No morals, no consequences, no sin.

To which the Bible says...

1John 3:4-5 “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.”

## Response #2

We better not leave the commands!  
They must still be relevant!  
We need them to follow Jesus!

To which the Bible says...

Galatians 3:23-25 “Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.”

The Warning: The law won't get you where you want to go

1Timothy 1:5-9 “The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions....”

“Now we know that:

*the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,*

understanding this,

that *the law is not laid down for the just*

*but for the lawless and disobedient,*

for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and

profane...” 1Timothy 1:5-9

# What we need to know about the old covenant commands given to Moses:

1. There were 3 kinds
2. They were a covenant
3. They were imperfect

## 3 Kinds of Commands

1. Moral (Stealing, Adultery, Coveting, Honour parents, God first)
2. Civil (Eye for an Eye, Property rights, personal rights, judicial)
3. Ceremonial (Passover, Circumcision, Sabbath, Sacrifices, Tattoos, sea food)

## 2. The Commands were the standards of the covenant between God and His people

I will do this....  
If you do that.

If you do not do this...  
Then I will do that.

Leviticus 26:3-4, "If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."

Most people believe this.

But this is what mostly happens

Leviticus 26:14-16, "But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it."

This is why it doesn't work.

James 2:10, "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it."

Galatians 3:12, "But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them."

We can't get life from the commands

### 3. They are imperfect

Galatians 3:21 “Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.”

### 3. They are imperfect

Hebrews 8:7-9 “For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant ...For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

### 3. They are imperfect

Romans 8:3-4 “For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

- The law makes demands of the flesh

So what was the point of the law covenant?

Romans 3:20-22 “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.”

What changed?

We have a new covenant of Faith in Jesus by which  
we are given righteousness.

Gods part: Jesus died for our sins and rose again

Our part: Faith in Jesus

It is a permanent unbreakable connection to God  
through Jesus

2. The ceremonial was fulfilled.

Jesus is:

- The sacrifices
- The circumcision
- The passover lamb
- The feast and festivals
- The high priest with blood on His earlobe,  
thumb and toe

But what about the rest? The New People of God were confused too.

Acts 15:5-6 “But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.” The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.”

The decision:

Acts 15:19-20 “Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.”

The Morality of the commands are upheld.

Why?

So that God blesses us? -NO! -IMPOSSIBLE!  
Sin/no sin is not the “covenant standard” to  
receive the living power of God

Then Why?

SIN = SLAVERY

Slavery to Sin is the opposite of Son-ship to God

Romans 6:14 “For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

John 8:34-36 “Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

## Slavery to the law is the opposite of Son-ship to God

Romans 6:14 For sin will *have no dominion over you*, since *you are not under law* but under grace.

Galatians 3:24-26 “So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”

The Secret: The more you put yourself under the law,  
the more sinful you get.

1Corinthians 15:56 “The sting of death is sin, and the  
power of sin is the law.”

Romans 7:8-9 “But sin, seizing an opportunity  
through the commandment, produced in me all kinds  
of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.

I was once alive apart from the law, but when the  
commandment came, sin came alive and I died.”

We behave in righteousness when we believe we  
are righteous in Christ.

We work from Righteousness not for Righteousness

We work from love, not for love.

We work from rest, not for rest.

We work from freedom, not for freedom.