

Lifting Up Jesus

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GOD'S LAW OF LOVE

It has been reported that there are over 3500 laws in the United States alone and yet God has boiled His laws down to only 10. The moral fabric of our society is unraveling quickly as situation ethics and political correctness hurtle to the forefront. We have taken prayer out of schools and wonder why kids are shooting other kids. We have taken Christ out of Christmas and wonder why greed and materialism are on the rise. Moreover, we have taken God's law from our society and wonder why our culture is crumbling into chaos with sexual perversion and violence. In this lesson, we shall explore God's law and as surrendered Christians, how we are to relate to them.

1. Who wrote the Ten Commandments? Exodus 31:18

2. What is promised to those who follow God's Commands? Psalm 112:1-3

3. What was the conclusion of King Solomon, the wisest king who ever lived? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

Note: To "fear" God is to respect Him. One of the ways that we show respect to God is through obedience to Him.

4. How does God describe King David? Acts 13:21, 22

5. What was David's attitude towards God's law? Psalm 119:166-168

Note: David loved God and was obedient to His law. Moreover, God in turn called David "a man after His own heart". Obedience is important to God.

6. What did Paul say about God's law? Romans 7:12

7. When Christ came to this world, did He come to abolish the law? Matt. 5:17–18

8. What was His attitude towards those who broke the Law and taught others to do the same?
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9. What did Jesus say about those who obey the word of God? Luke 11:28

10. What did Jesus say we are to do if we love Him? John 14:15, 21, 23, 24, 15:10

Note: The law is not a method for salvation rather it is the standard for Christian behavior. The law reveals what the character of our God is.

11. What is the sinful mind's response to God's law? Romans 8:7

12. How then can we obey God's law? Ezekiel 36:25–27

*Note: If God's Spirit is living in our hearts then the evidence comes out in our own behavior. The response of a grateful heart is a **daily** surrender. When that occurs, obedience to Christ is the natural result. We are able to "let our light shine" as a witness of the power of God to change lives.*

13. What will be our response to God's law when we allow His Spirit to control us? Psalm 119:20

14. How did Jesus sum up the Law and Prophets? Matt. 22:37–40

Note: The first four commandments show our supreme love to God. The last six commandments show our love to our neighbor. When any of these are disregarded, we are showing our disrespect for either God or neighbor.

15. How is love to God displayed? 1 John 5:3

16. What is evident of those who say they love God and do not obey? 1 John 2:3–5

17. How are God’s people described in the last days? Rev. 12:17; 14:12

18. Did Jesus commission His believers to teach people to obey everything He commanded us? Matt. 28:20

CONCLUSION: The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is always seeking to conform us more and more into the image of Christ. When the Holy Spirit lives within us, his life transforms us and gives us new desires and passions.

Since the Ten Commandments embody the very character of God then our lives will reflect this. In fact, God’s law may be seen as ten promises. With God’s Spirit in you, you will not want to have other gods before you or wrong your neighbor. God’s love will work and flow through you.¹

¹ Lewis, K. A. (2010). *Lifting up Jesus: Bible Study Lessons*. Walla Walla, WA: Karen Ann Lewis.