

If we don't have the power to keep the Law and the Law condemns us if we don't, what can we conclude about ourselves on the basis of the Law?

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Who keeps the Law? How are we freed from the Law's curse?

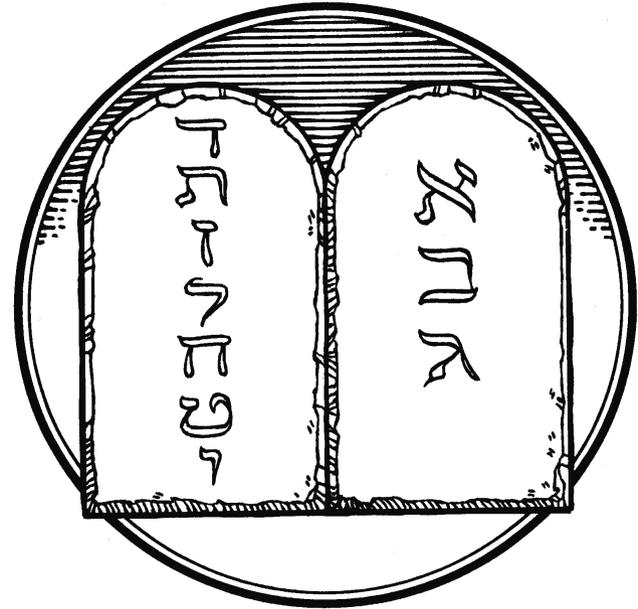
Jesus keeps the Law for us and is punished for our not keeping it.

Galatians 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

As Christians, how do we use the Law in our daily lives?

What rescues us from the Law and its curse?

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The First Chief Part: The Ten Commandments

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The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments"

The Ten Commandments are in the Bible at **Exodus 20:1-17** and **Deuteronomy 5:1-21**.

What gift does each Commandment teach?

What are the Two Tables of the Law?

Matthew 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **37** Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' **38** "This is the first and great commandment. **39** "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

What does the First Table teach us?

What does the Second Table teach us?

What is sin?

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? **2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? **4** Have you suffered so many things in vain -- if indeed *it was* in vain? **5** Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? -- **6** just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

What do most people think about the Ten Commandments?

Do they think they keep them?

What do most people think the main teaching of Christians is?

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." **11** But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for "the just shall live by faith." **12** Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

What does the Law say about those who don't keep it?

Do the Commandments give us the power to keep them?