

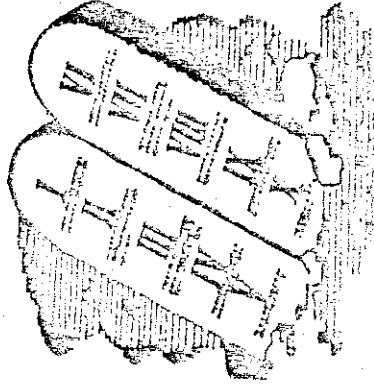
God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12).

7. John stated again, as recorded in Revelation 12:17: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

8. Paul said: "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Rom. 7:12).

9. James, speaking of the Decalogue, said: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). We know that he was speaking of the Ten Commandments because of what is recorded in the next verse: "For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." Then he admonishes us to give heed to this law by saying: "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty" (v. 12).

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This tract has been prepared to show that the writers of the New Testament restate each of the Ten Commandments, either in exact words or in words conveying the same meaning. These inspired writers understood that the law given on Mt. Sinai and "written with the finger of God" (Ex. 31:18; Deut. 9:10) was not abrogated or abolished at the time Christ died on the cross.

Following are the Ten Commandments as recorded in Exodus 20:3-17 with the New Testament version (or equivalent) of each one printed immediately afterward. A comparison will reveal that the entire Decalogue has been carried over into the New Testament after the cross and, thus, that it was intended to be in force during the new dispensation, which includes the present time and until Christ returns to establish His eternal Kingdom.

I

Old—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

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New—"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matt. 4:10; 1 Cor. 8:6.

II

Old—"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

New—"Little children, keep yourselves from idols." Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." 1 John 5:21; Acts 17:29.

III

Old—"Thou shalt not take the name

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of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

New—"... that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed." 1 Timothy 6:1.

IV

Old—"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

New—"The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise,

And God did rest the seventh day from all his works." "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth." Mark 2:27-28; Heb. 4:4, 10; Col. 1:16.

V

Old—"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

New—"Honour thy father and thy mother..." Matt. 19:19.

VI

Old—"Thou shalt not kill."

New—"Thou shalt not kill..." Romans 13:9.

VII

Old—"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

New—"Thou shalt not commit adultery..." Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9.

VIII

Old—"Thou shalt not steal."

New—"Thou shalt not steal..." Romans 13:9.

IX

Old—"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."

New—"Thou shalt not bear false witness..." Romans 13:9.

X

Old—"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

New—"Thou shalt not covet." Romans 7:7.

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW CONCERNING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. The law of God was "written with the finger of God" (Ex. 31:18), and since "he added no more" (Deut. 5:22), after writing the ten precepts, it is evident that it is a complete, distinct, and separate law in itself--separate from the ceremonial law which expired at the cross.
2. Paul said: "For we know that the

law is spiritual..." (Rom. 7:14), and "I delight in the law of God after the inward man" (v. 22).

3. In this dispensation of grace it is still true that "Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4).

4. While it is true that we are saved by grace through faith it is very evident that something besides grace is necessary, for James said: "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:20), and "...faith which worketh by love" (Gal. 5:6) obeys Jesus in that Jesus stated: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

5. The Author and Finisher of our faith (Jesus) plainly said: "...if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matt. 19:17). (He referred to the Ten Commandments. See verses 18 and 19.)

6. This verse, written by John many years after Christ had returned to heaven, shows that the commandments are still a very important part of the Christian life: "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of