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# 1 Youth Ministry

## Grades 7-12

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 Why we don't need The 10 Commandments

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 This Week's Bible Verse

2 Corinthians 3:7-9

### Last Sunday



### Why we don't need The 10 Commandments

Last week we talked about the 613 commands found in God's Law. We specifically discussed what we call the 10 commandments and about the fact that if we broke even just one of the 613 rules, we had broken the entirety of God's Law.

We agreed that the biggest problem with The Law was that it has been shown over and over again, since Adam and Eve, that as humans we don't follow rules very well. There is no way we could ever faithfully follow every rule on our own.

We also pointed out that some Christians may even break the 10 commandments WITH the 10 commandments themselves. Many times the symbol or monuments of the 10 commandments can become so overly important to some Christians that, much like the Pharisees of Jesus' day, their focus is so much on the rules that they miss God's love and grace which is the real heart of God's law and end up worshiping the rules instead.

We then made the claim that we really don't even need to follow the 10 commandments (or the rest of

<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was,<sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?<sup>9</sup> If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

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the law for that matter). For explanation, we looked at **Matthew 22:36-40** where Jesus tells us that **ALL** of the Law and the Prophets hang on just two commands.

### Love God and Love others.

We said that Jesus even upped the 2nd command in **John 13:34-35** where he said we are to not only love others but to love others as He loves us.

We talked about how the old covenant or law focuses on pointing out our sin and what **WE** need to do while Jesus brings the new covenant of love and grace which focuses on Jesus and what **He has done for us**. The law brings condemnation while the new covenant brings love, grace, and forgiveness.

As Jesus mentioned in **Matthew 5:17**, the new covenant does not abolish the law. The law is still good to follow as it is given by God and is chock full of good things, not just random rules, to have us live better lives on Earth.

What Jesus did was to have us focus on the heart of the law, **Love**, and with that we will naturally follow the intent of God's law without needing a list of rules that point out our failures and condemn us.

With our focus on Loving God and others we don't honestly even want to sin. So, by loving God and loving others, we don't really need to follow a checklist of rules (which we can't do anyway).

We then went a step further and said believe it or not, we don't even really have to follow those two commandments. When Jesus ascended into Heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to live in us, to lead us, to guide us, to give us strength, etc. The Holy Spirit, being God's spirit can only do good and can only bring glory to God.

All we need to do is **choose to listen**. We said that with the Holy Spirit in us, all we have to do is to listen to and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit to live exactly as God intended us to live full of love and grace without needing a list of rules to follow.

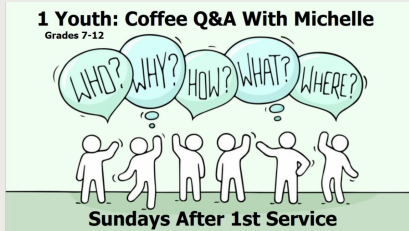
The Holy Spirit will never, ever, lead us to sin. If we ask and if we **choose to listen** we don't need a list or have to be told what to do or what not to do or be condemned when we mess up. We will always do what is right naturally the way God intended.

We noted that Jesus never walked around following a

list of rules that He checked off, He always followed the guidance of the Holy Spirit, always loving God and loving others and walking in the Spirit of God.

Now, will we mess up and still sin sometimes? Sure, we're still human flesh and we will make the mistake of not listening to the Holy Spirit probably more often than we should. But, through the love and grace of Jesus, God says, it's okay, you are forgiven, try again.

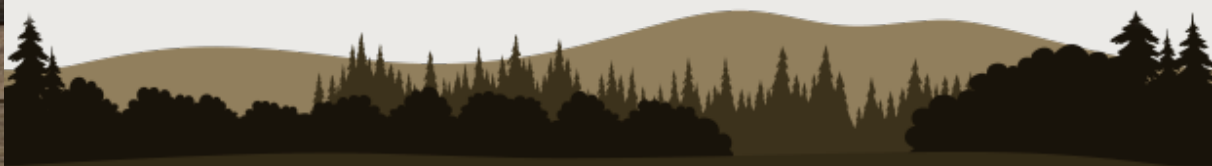
God wants us to live, **in love**. Simply following a list of rules will never get us there.



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Coffee Q&A with Michelle  
has moved to **Sundays!**

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, after 1st service, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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