

# The Ten Commandments (in a nutshell)

- Answer the question: Who am I?
  - You are His creation. You are His child. You were made in His image.
  - Created for a purpose: to love God and love your neighbor.
  
- Two Tables
  - Love God (1-3)
  - Love Your Neighbor (4-7)
  
- Good vs Bad or Death vs Life?
  
- Written on our hearts (*Romans 2:14-16*) and on stone tablets (*Exodus 20:1-17*)

“So, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, instinctively do what the law demands, they are a law to themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts. Their consciences confirm this. Their competing thoughts will either accuse or excuse them on the day when God judges what people have kept secret, according to my gospel through Jesus Christ.” *Romans 2:14-16*
  
- Three Uses of the Law
  - Curb—Keeps order in the world (like a sidewalk curb)
  - Mirror—Shows us our sinful selves and convicts us.
  - Guide—Helps us lead God-pleasing lives

\*Always going to point us to God
  
- What does it mean to love God? *Deuteronomy 6:1-9* (Heart, soul, strength)
  1. You shall have no other Gods. (Nothing comes before Him)
  
  2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God. (Carry it well)
  
  3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (God’s Word and rest)
  
- What does it mean to love my neighbor? *Leviticus 19:18* (Love your neighbor as yourself)
  4. Honor your father and mother. (Speaks to all authority figures)
  
  5. You shall not murder. (or be angry, see *Matthew 5:21-26*)
  
  6. You shall not commit adultery. (be holy and pure, honor God’s design for marriage)
  
  7. You shall not steal. (Protect and improve your neighbor’s possession)
  
  8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (No lies, betrayal, slander, or hurting a reputation; rather defend, speak well, and explain everything in the kindest way when it concerns your neighbor)
  
  9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. (Be content)
  
  10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (Be content)