

# Revelation



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## “Commandments”

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## The Story



Steve Irwin, better known as the Crocodile Hunter, died on September 4, 2006, at the young age of 44. While filming an underwater wildlife documentary, he was stabbed in the heart by a stingray. His death was called “an accident” but for those who watched Steve in action with wild animals, it seemed that this was bound to happen sooner or later.

Steve Irwin became very popular on television because he did something very unusual. He seemed to risk his life in order to film dangerous animals such as crocodiles, poisonous snakes, stingrays, and a host of other dangerous animals. He didn't just film them, he would get really close to these animals and actually handle them in order to get “better footage” for his viewers.



Ignoring or defying the laws of nature made Steve Irwin one of the most interesting and watched figures on television. Millions of people all over the world enjoyed watching this crocodile hunter risk his life to entertain his audiences. But the laws of nature, that tell us to stay away from these dangerous creatures, eventually caught up with Steve and caused his death.

In many ways, the Bible is like nature. In the same way that nature has laws and consequences for breaking those laws, the Bible also tells us about a God who has laws and consequences for breaking those laws. In this lesson you will learn what the Bible says about God's commandments. You will also find out how important they are to God, and whether He wants us to keep them or not. **Let's begin this lesson:**

### 1. Does God have laws that He wants us to keep?

Answer: **Rev 14:12** *Here is the patience of the \_\_\_\_\_ . Here are they which \_\_\_\_\_ the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*



**Deut 4:13** *He commanded you to perform, even \_\_\_\_\_ commandments, and he wrote them upon two tables of \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*The Bible says that the **saints** are the people who **keep** the commandments of God. God commanded His people to perform **Ten** Commandments and He wrote them on two tables of **stone**. The 10 commandments were so important to God that He wrote them with His own finger. They are the only words in the Bible written with God's own finger.*

## 2. Are there consequences for breaking the commandments?

Answer: **Rom 6:23** *The wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_*

*The wages or penalty for sin is **death**. The Bible tells us that sin is breaking God's law. (1John 3:4)*



## 3. Does our society have a problem keeping God's laws?

Answer: **2Tim 3:1-2** *In the last days \_\_\_\_\_ times shall come. Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents...*

*The Bible predicts that in the last days **perilous** times shall come. People will be sinning more and more. The Bible says they will be proud and disobedient and there will be an increase in danger because of sin.*



## 4. Can God's commandments ever change?

Answer: **Malachi 3:6** *I am the LORD, I change \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Psalms 111:7, 8** *All his commandments are sure. They stand fast for \_\_\_\_\_.*

*God says I am the Lord, I change **not**. All His commandments stand sure and last for **ever**. Look carefully each one of God's 10 commandments. Why would any one of them need to be changed? There is nothing wrong with them as they are, therefore none need changing.*



## 5. Weren't the commandments for Old Testament times?

Answer: **Rev 22:14** *Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*



*In the very last chapter of the last book of the New Testament, it says blessed are they that **do** His commandments. It is the commandment keepers that get to eat from the tree of life and enter into God's Holy City.*

## All 8 New Testament Authors uphold commandments:

**Matthew:** Mat 19:17 *If you will enter into life, keep the commandments.*  
**Mark:** Mark 10:19 *Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honour your father and mother...*  
**Luke:** Luke 16:17 *It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.*  
**John:** 1John 5:3 *This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous.*  
**Paul:** Romans 2:13 *Those who obey the law will be declared righteous.*  
**James:** James 2:20 *Faith without works is dead.*  
**Peter:** 2Peter 3:17 *Be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall.*  
**Jude:** Jude vs 24 *To him that is able to keep you from falling. (sinning)*

## 6. Didn't Jesus come to do away with the commandments?

Answer: **Matthew 5:17** *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am \_\_\_\_\_ come to destroy, but to fulfill.*

**John 15:10** *I have \_\_\_\_\_ my Father's commandments.*

*Jesus Himself said I did **not** come to destroy the law. I came to fulfill the law. The word "fulfill" means to "perform" or "do". (Encarta Dictionary) Jesus also said, "I have **kept** my Father's commandments."*



## 7. But isn't law keeping part of the old covenant?

Answer: **Hebrews 8:8-10** *I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel I will put my laws into their \_\_\_\_\_, and write them in their \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The Bible does say that God is making a new covenant. But the new covenant has the same old law. The only difference is that the law is put into the minds and written into the hearts of His people. They keep His commandments because they love Him and want to obey.*



## 8. Doesn't the Bible say that grace does away with the law?

Answer: **Rom 6:14** *Sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under \_\_\_\_\_.*



**Rom 6:15** *Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Rom 6:18** *Being then made free from sin, you became the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness.*

*We are all under law, or under **grace**. Those who willfully break God's law are under the penalty of the law. But those who believe in Jesus are under grace because He took their penalty for them. Does that mean we can go on sinning because we're under grace? God **forbid!** In other words, of course not. Once we are made free from sin, we become **servants** of righteousness.*

## 9. Can keeping the commandments save us?

**Ephesians 2:8** *For by \_\_\_\_\_ are you saved through faith.*



*You are saved by **grace** through faith. The role of the law is to point out your faults and drive you to Jesus who offers grace, or pardon which you don't deserve.*

## 10. What is the purpose of the law?

Answer: **Romans 3:20** *by the law is the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.*



*The purpose of the law is to give us the **knowledge** of sin. The law tells us what is right and what is wrong. The Bible tells us that the law is like a mirror (James 1:23). We can look into a mirror to see what is wrong with the way we look. If we see a spec of dirt on our face, do we use the mirror to get rid of the dirt? **NO**. The mirror only shows us the dirt so we can see our need of washing.*

## 11. If keeping the law doesn't save us, why keep it?

Answer: **Heb 10:26** *If we sin \_\_\_\_\_ after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more \_\_\_\_\_ for sins.*



**John 14:15** *If you love Me, \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments.*

*Keeping the law doesn't save us, but if we sin **willfully**, that is on purpose, there is no more **sacrifice** for our sins. Jesus said, if you love Me, **keep** My commandments. If we choose to break God's law, there is nothing else Jesus can do to save us.*

## 12. Is a sin wrong if we don't know it's a sin?

Answer: **James 4:17** *He that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is \_\_\_\_\_.*

*We are judged on the knowledge we have. If we know what is right, but don't do it, that is **sin**.*



## 13. Is it safe to try and remain ignorant of God's law?

Answer: **Hosea 4:6** *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, I will also reject you, seeing you have forgotten the law of your God.*



*Doing something wrong when we don't know better is one thing. But if we reject an opportunity to know better, that is different. The Bible says we are destroyed because we have **rejected** knowledge. If you are pulled over for speeding, you can't tell the policeman that you didn't realize the speed limit. He will give you a ticket anyway because there are signs that post the speed limit, and you could have found out the speed limit if you had looked for the signs.*

**14. Is it really possible to keep the commandments?**

Answer: **1John 2:1** *These things write I unto you, that you sin \_\_\_\_\_.*



**Phil 4:13** *I can do all things through Christ which \_\_\_\_\_ me.*

*Even though we have a past record of sin, Jesus can come into our lives and give us victory over sin. The Bible says, these things I write to you that you sin **not**. It says that we can do all things through Christ Jesus who **strengthens** us. Over and over, we have seen that God asks us to keep His commandments. With His command to obey, comes the power to do what He asks us. Sure, we may stumble and fall along the way, but Jesus is able to pick us back up and make us over comers.*

**With help from Jesus, would you like to keep God's commandments?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

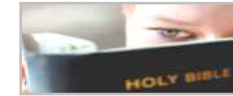
*Hopefully your answer is yes.*



**Psalms 119:97** *Oh how I love your law; it is my meditation all the day.*

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