

God's Perfect Law of Liberty [12]

-And the New Covenant Experience-

**Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

- 1.) What positive and beautiful statements does the Bible say about God's great moral law the Ten Commandments? Psalm 119:165 Great _____ have they which love thy _____: and nothing shall offend them. Psalm 19:7 The _____ of the LORD is _____, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. James 2:12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the _____ of _____. Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law is _____, and the _____ holy, and _____, and _____. 1Timothy 1:8 But we know that the law is _____, if a man use it lawfully;
- 2.) Some say that the Ten Commandment law is no longer binding on New Testament Christians. How important did Jesus say the Ten Commandment law of God is? Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till _____ and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in _____ wise _____ from the _____, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least _____, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall _____ and _____ them, the same shall be called _____ in the kingdom of heaven. John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my _____. John 15:10 If ye _____ my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's _____, and abide in his love. Matthew 19:17b . . . but _____ thou wilt enter into life, keep the _____.
NOTE: It is so plain from these statements that Jesus considered the commandments of God to be extremely important! The first above statement by Jesus makes it plain that as long as this earth lasts, the Ten Commandments are in force (all ten of them).
- 3.) Can I really be a genuine Christian and not obey God's law? 1John 2:3 And hereby we do _____ that we know _____, if we keep his _____. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth _____ his commandments, is a _____, and the truth is not in him.
NOTE: One of the biggest lies to ever hit modern Christianity is the LIE that the law was done away with and "was nailed to the cross." Most people who aren't very familiar with their Bibles think that the passage in Colossians 2 says this, but when you examine the wording and also compare one of the chapters in Leviticus -it is plainly and obviously talking about the ceremonial law with all its ordinances and regulations concerning the animal sacrifices and sanctuary rituals. [See study on "Salvation in Types and Shadows"] God's great moral law is eternally binding! Even the New Testament is very plain on this!
- 4.) Is anyone saved by keeping the law? Ephesians 2:8 For by _____ are ye saved through _____; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God: 9 Not of _____, lest any

man should _____. **Romans 3:20a** Therefore by the _____ of the law there shall no flesh be _____ in his sight: **NOTE: True law-keeping must come from a heart in love for Jesus and imbued with His grace. [See study on "The Good News of the Gospel – Justification"]**

5.) What is the Bible's definition of sin? **1John 3:4** Whosoever committeth _____ transgresseth also the _____: for sin is the _____ of the law. **Romans 3:20b** for by the _____ is the _____ of sin. **NOTE: IF THERE WERE NO LAW – THERE WOULD BE NO SIN – IF THERE WERE NO SIN – THERE WOULD BE NO NEED OF A SAVIOR – (NO NEED OF JESUS) - SIMPLE AS THAT!! Yes, the Moral law has been and always will be our standard in this life and throughout eternity!**

6.) How many have sinned? **Romans 3:23** For _____ have _____, and come short of the glory of God; **NOTE: Everyone has sinned and everyone needs a Savior.**

7.) Is it possible for us to keep or obey God's law in our own strength? **Romans 8:3** For what the law could _____ do, in that it was _____ through the _____, God sending his own Son in the _____ of sinful flesh, and for sin, _____ sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the _____ might be _____ in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the _____. **Philippians 4:13** I can do _____ things through Christ which _____ me. **Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not ___ but Christ _____ in me: and the life which I _____ live in the _____ I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **NOTE: In our own strength apart from Jesus? Forget it!! Never! We must continually surrender and consent to have Jesus through the Holy Spirit live in our hearts –then we'll be changed persons –born again!**

8.) Is it okay if we obey most of the commandments but neglect just one? **James 2:10** For whosoever shall _____ the whole law, and yet offend in _____ point, he is guilty of _____. **11** For he that said, do not commit adultery, said also, do not kill. Now if thou commit _____ adultery, _____ if thou kill, thou art become a _____ of the law. **NOTE: Breaking even one precept of the law only proves that the virus of sin, self and defiance is still in the soul and that we need God's cleansing grace. Remember, all it took was one little act of disobedience on the part of Adam and Eve in partaking of the forbidden fruit to open the flood-gates of sin and woe upon this world. God is in the business of curing the sin problem in individual hearts of those who will let Him.**

9.) How is the law of God summed up in two great principles? **Matthew 22:36** Master, which is the great _____ in the law? **37** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy God with _____ thy heart, and with _____ thy soul, and with _____ thy mind. **38** This is the _____ and great commandment. **39** And the _____ is like unto it, Thou _____ love thy _____ as thyself. **40** On these _____ commandments _____

all the _____ and the _____. **NOTE: Take note that the Ten Commandments can be divided into two portions. The first four deal with our service and loyalty to God. The last six deal with our relationship to our fellowman. This is brought out in our verses above. Practically most, if not all the rest of the writings of the Bible written by the prophets either expound on the moral principles of the law or it is illustrated in some way through the Bible's many stories.**

10.) Where is God's Ten Commandment Law first listed in the Old Testament? Exodus 20:1-

17 And _____ spake _____ these words, saying, **2** I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of _____.

v 3 [1st] Thou shalt have no _____ gods before me.

v4 [2nd] Thou shalt not _____ unto thee any graven _____, 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: **v5** Thou shalt not _____ down thyself to them, nor _____ them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, _____ the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; **v6** And shewing _____ unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 [3rd] Thou shalt not take the _____ of the LORD thy God in _____; for the LORD will _____ hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

v8 [4th] _____ the sabbath day, to keep it _____. **v9** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: **v10** But the _____ day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt _____ do any _____, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is _____ thy gates: **v11** For in _____ days the LORD _____ heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD _____ the sabbath day, and _____ it.

v12 [5th] _____ thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be _____ upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

v13 [6th] Thou shalt not _____.

v14 [7th] Thou shalt not commit _____.

v15 [8th] Thou shalt not _____.

v16 [9th] Thou shalt not bear _____ witness against thy neighbour.

v17 [10th] Thou shalt not _____ thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not _____ thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any _____ that is thy neighbour's.

11.) Is the Ten Commandment law to be found in the New Testament? For many of these Commandments there are probably numerous references to them throughout the NT. Let's start with the First Commandment. Where do we find reference to that one?

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy God, and him _____ shalt thou _____. **NOTE: This commandment deals with the issue of putting anything first before God. We are to make**

Him first in everything. This could be material possessions, sports, money, even hobbies, job, our spouse or anything. Most of these things may not be wrong in and of themselves, but when they hinder our relationship with God, it becomes an idol.

12.) Where do we find references to the Second Commandment? 1John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from _____. Amen. **Acts 17:29** Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought _____ to think that the _____ is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, _____ by art and man's _____. **NOTE: The Second Commandment is different in that it deals more with our conception of God and using images to worship even if it represents the true God. Embedded right into the second commandment are the two balancing principles of Justice and Mercy. "Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children" = Justice. "Showing mercy unto thousands" = Mercy. Too much of one or the other at the expense of the other will give us a very distorted view or "image" of God. So spiritually if we have a false image or concept of God, we are idolaters and worshipping a false God. God forbids using any similitude or material likeness to worship Him like the last verse above says in the book of Acts. For certain we are never to bow down to graven images of any kind for whatever reason!**

13.) Where do we find references to the Third Commandment? Matthew 5:34 But I say unto you, _____ not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: **1 Timothy 6:1b** . . .that the _____ of God and his doctrine be not _____. **James 5:12** But above all things, my brethren, _____ not, neither by _____, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into _____. **NOTE: All false oaths and common swearing as well as taking God's name carelessly or sacrilegiously would be forbidden by this law. It only stands to reason that the Almighty God who spoke galaxies, suns, and planets, even down to atoms, molecules and electrons into existence should never have His name carelessly spoken without realizing the awesomeness of His absolute might, power and holiness!!**

14.) What about the Fourth Commandment regarding the Sabbath? Is this one to be found in the NT? Hebrews 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the _____ day on this wise, And God did _____ the seventh _____ from all his works. **9** There _____ therefore a rest to the people of God. **10** For he that is _____ into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own _____, as God did from his. **NOTE: The Sabbath is important for commemorating God's creative power and He asks us to set our work and secular activities aside to come worship Him on the Sabbath. The Sabbath by its necessity demands that we place a priority on a specific day to worship Him. More detail on this in next study.**

15.) Where is the NT Fifth Commandment to be found? Matthew 19:19 Honour thy _____ and thy _____: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Ephesians 6:1** Children, _____ your _____ in the Lord: for this is _____. **Ephesians**

6:5 _____, be obedient to them that are your _____ according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; **1Peter 2:13** _____ yourselves to every _____ of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the _____, as supreme; **14** Or unto _____, as unto them that are sent by him for the _____ of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. **NOTE: The home is the building block of which society is made up of. Every human being has a father and mother. If respect is given to them there can be stability in society. Family relationships are what are really important for everyone to be happy and secure. If this breaks down especially on a wide scale, we are really in BIG TROUBLE! This commandment in principle also enjoins respect for anyone who is delegated authority which would include work boss, presidents, governors, mayors, policemen, teachers, pastors, laws of the land, etc.**

16.) How is the Sixth Commandment stated in New Testament? Romans 13:9 . . . Thou shalt not _____, **1John 3:15** Whosoever _____ his brother is a _____: and ye know that no _____ hath eternal life abiding in him. **NOTE: This commandment is very broad in not only forbidding murder, but even hatred for anyone. This also entails even slow suicide by partaking of unhealthy practices such as alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs, health-destroying junk food, etc. We can destroy brain cells, organs and other body systems that God has fearfully and wonderfully made. This commandment also condemns abortion from conception on -as murder. Much more could be said here on other issues.**

17.) What about the Seventh Commandment? Where is it to be found? Matthew 19:18 . . . Thou shalt not commit _____, **5:27** Ye have heard that it was said by them of _____ time, Thou shalt not commit _____: **28** But I say unto you, That whosoever _____ on a woman to _____ after her hath committed _____ with her already in his _____. **Luke 18:20a** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit _____, **NOTE: Again this law is broad in its implications. Basically anything that would mar the fine-tuned relationship of marriage between a man and a woman would be adultery. This would include fornication or impurity between opposite sex outside of committed marriage, as well as homosexuality, bestiality, transgenderism, pornography, polyamory, masturbation, etc. Keep in mind that all the sins listed in this study can be forgiven and cleansed by the blood of Christ until near the end of the world when probation closes.**

18.) The Eighth Command is also plainly enjoined in the NT. Where is it respectfully mentioned? Romans 13:9 Thou shalt not _____, Romans 2:21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that _____ a man should not _____, dost thou _____? **Ephesians 4:28** Let him that _____ steal _____ more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to _____ to him that _____. **NOTE: This commandment is also wide-reaching. Everything from cheating on taxes to stealing your employer's time to taking anything that doesn't belong to us. It tells us to respect the property of others. Socialism and**

communism not only blurs this principle but takes away money or property (even excessive taxation) which rightfully belongs to the owner. It really isn't Christian in its principles besides the fact that it takes away or (steals) people's freedom, personal rights and property.

19.) Where is the Ninth Commandment stated in the New Testament? Mark 10:19 *Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do _____ bear _____, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. Colossians 3:9 _____ not one to another, seeing that ye have put _____ the old man with his _____.* Revelation 21:27 *And there shall in _____ wise enter into it _____ thing that _____, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a _____: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. NOTE: Anything that is communicated in a false way even without words but using body language with the intent to deceive is lying or bearing false witness. Deceiving others for your own benefit constitute lying and falsehood. This is serious because the Bible plainly states that (unrepentant) liars will be outside the Holy City awaiting the lake of fire! God hates all falsehood and deception. Unfortunately multitudes are deceived by false doctrines which could be fatal. This is why it is so important that we diligently study God's Word so we can avoid deception. Jesus made this statement in John 8:32 And ye shall know the _____, and the _____ shall make you _____. The truth is always liberating. That's why God's law is called the law of liberty in the book of James. Jesus and Paul directly stated that sin which is the transgression of the law brings us into bondage! John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever _____ sin is the _____ of sin.*

20.) The Tenth Commandment is the last one. Where do we find this in the New Testament? Romans 7:7 *What shall we say then? Is the _____ sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known _____, except the law had said, Thou shalt not _____.* Ephesians 5:3 *But fornication, and all uncleanness, or _____, let it not be _____ named among you, as _____ saints; NOTE: Covetousness underlies about every other of the commandments. It is the only commandment in the last six that deals with the inner workings of the heart and its motives. It basically condemns the inherent selfishness that is naturally found in every human heart. It guards the sacred rights of every human being made in the image of God. Of a heart that has been forgiven and transformed by God's grace, unselfish love, tenderness, kindness and a desire to actually do good things for the other person will be manifested. Romans 13:10 _____ worketh no _____ to his neighbour: therefore _____ is the fulfilling of the _____. The law of God brings freedom to the soul that has been born again in the likeness of Christ.*

21.) What was considered the "Old Covenant" and why did it fail to work? Deuteronomy 4:13 *And he declared unto you his _____, which he commanded you to perform, even ten _____; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. Exodus 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the _____: and they*

said, _____ that the LORD hath said will _____, and be _____. **NOTE: The “Old Covenant” was based on the promise that the people made themselves that they would practice and obey. Of course if we try to depend upon ourselves to work righteousness we will miserably fail! Unless we have that connection to Jesus like the branch is to the vine we will greatly fall short. (see John 15:1-8) The faulty works and promises of the people didn’t accomplish righteousness. What was needed was the “New Covenant” that God Himself would accomplish in His people.**

22.) How was the “New Covenant” offered in the Old Testament which proves that God wanted this experience in His people from the start? Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye _____ be _____: from all your _____, and from all your _____, will I cleanse you. **26** A new _____ also will I _____ you, and a new _____ will I put within you: and _____ will take away the stony heart _____ of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my _____ within you, and _____ you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and _____ them. **NOTE: Does it look like in the above verses that it is God’s power working within us? When He gives us a new heart and then places His Holy Spirit within us, then we will truly obey His laws and precepts from the heart. This is the “New Covenant” experience.**

23.) Where do we find this “New Covenant” promise in the New Testament? Hebrews 8:7 For if that _____ covenant had been _____, then should no place have been sought for the second. **8** For finding fault with _____, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I _____ make a _____ covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: **9** Not according to the _____ that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of _____; because they continued _____ in my covenant, and I regarded them _____, saith the Lord. **10** For this is the _____ that I will make with the house of _____ after those days, saith the Lord; I will _____ my _____ into their _____, and write them in their _____: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: **NOTE: God wants to write the deep principles of His Ten Commandment law right into the very fabric of our hearts so that we will naturally love and obey Him. This is the only way we can have true, consistent victory in our lives so that we can be fitted for a holy heaven and earth-made new! Let Jesus come into your heart to abide there so that you can live a life wholly pleasing to Him.**

Brief Quiz

Circle One

- 1.) True/False** – The Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross and the Christian no longer needs to obey them.
- 2.) True/False** – By strictly obeying God’s law we can earn our way into heaven.
- 3.) True/False** – The ceremonial law contained in animal sacrifices and sanctuary rituals

were what was really nailed to the cross.

4.) **True/False** – The Bible has only good things to say about God’s great moral law.

5.) **True/False** – As long as we obey most of the law we’re ok.

6.) **True/False** – The New Testament upholds and exalts the commandments of God.

7.) **True/False** – The first four commandments deal with our service to God, the last six deal with our relation to our fellow humanity.

8.) **True/False** – The new covenant consists of God wanting to write His law on our heart.

My Response

I understand from this study that the Law of God is a law of love and liberty, that I can't earn my salvation through keeping it but if I allow Jesus into my heart, He will write that law fully on my heart. I commit to having Him do this special work on my heart from now on in my Christian experience.

Signed _____