Lesson #7 The Ten Commandments

Opening Shot:
God is Holy. Only He is good. God gave His people His commandments so that they might follow them and be a holy nation and a kingdom of priests to God. His commands tell us how to please God and how to live in peace with man. Jesus said that He came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, but to fulfill them. Jesus kept the Law perfectly.

Introduction to Bible Truths:
Revelation 4:8b “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”
Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments
Exodus 19:4-6 (God said to tell the Israelites) ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

Ask Me No Questions/ I’ll Tell You No Lies:
1.) The Ten Commandments were written so long ago, aren’t they out of date?
2.) If we believe in Jesus, do we still have to obey the commandments?

We’ve Got Questions/ God’s Got Answers
1.) Matthew 5:17-18 (Jesus said) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”
2.) Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets perfectly and now we as believers in Christ have been set free of the old law and live according to the Holy Spirit, which lives in us. Romans 8:1-5 “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. Also read Romans 7:1-6 and Romans 6:1-4

Parting Shot:
As believers in Christ, we are freed of the Law and called to live by the Holy Spirit, who lives in us. If we do what the Spirit of Life tells us to do, we will do all that the Law requires and even more, because we will be doing what pleases God.
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