

## Question 104

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**Q104. Of what use are the ten commandments to us?**

**A104. They teach us our duty, and show us our need of a Savior.**

*Scripture Base:* John 16:8; Rom. 2:15, 3:12, 20,  
Rom. 5:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; 2 Tim. 3:16-17

*Doctrine:* WCF 19 SC 39-42, 82-90

### Supplementary Questions

1. What are three different ways you can know what God wants you to do?
2. Where in the Bible does God summarize what He wants you to do?
3. What does God teach you in the Ten Commandments?
4. Who is the only Savior God has provided?

Songs: "The Greatest Commandment" and "The 10 Commandments" – Judy Rogers

### Teaching Notes

Review Q103. Can any man keep these ten commandments perfectly? - *No mere man, since the fall of Adam, ever did or can keep the ten commandments perfectly.*

Story: The call of Matthew/Levi (Luke 5:27-32).

### Questions

1. Your conscience that tells you when you do something right or wrong (Rom. 2:15), the Bible shows you what is right and wrong (2 Tim. 3:16-17), and the Holy Spirit shows you through your conscience and God's Word what is right and wrong (John 16:8). Go to the Bible to learn these things since that's where God has written them down.
2. The Lord reveals what He wants you to do on every page of the Bible, and so you should read all of it, but He has summarized His will in the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:1-17; Deut. 5:6-21). (*This is review.*)
3. **He teaches you your duty.** The commandments are not suggestions, but the things we should do (Lev. 22:31; John 14:15). Why should you keep them? - God made you and has the right to tell you what to do. Because God made you and takes care of you, you should want to obey Him. If you have received His love and forgiveness in Christ, you should want to obey Him even more (2 Cor. 5:14-15).  
**God also teaches you that you can't do your duty well enough.** He would accept you into heaven if you could obey Him perfectly, but the commandments show you that you can't:
  - We were all born guilty of Adam's sin (Rom. 5:18-19)
  - We've sinned every day of our lives since we were born (Rom. 3:12)**He teaches you that you need a Savior.** The commandments show us we're not good enough to enter heaven (Rom. 3:20). His Word tells you that you **need** a Savior, but the commandments show you **why**. God wants you to see your need, so that you will accept His solution.
4. Jesus!

Gospel: What is God's solution for your disobedience? How can you enter into heaven even though you haven't obeyed Him perfectly? Jesus is His solution. Jesus obeyed perfectly for every one of you who will trust Him to save you (John 3:16). All you need to do is look to Jesus in faith, trust in His obedience to make you acceptable, and then rely on His strength to help you obey (Rom. 10:9-10).

Activity: Worksheet - Commandments point to Christ. Gal. 3:24

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