

Cross and Commandments
Various Passages
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Main Idea: The Commandments reflect the beams of the cross.

Introduction

the 10 Commandments and any part of God's law have generally been preached in a negative way. What I mean by this is that they've been taught as a rule, fix your belt allowed to do. While it is true that the text commitments all start with "thou shall not..." There is a positive side to. We will get it to the positive and negative ways to present God's law it is serving today. For those who made regulations and rules and God telling them what to do, there is a balance in the positive loss of God that Jesus brings up from the Old Testament. I also went to clarify that God's laws of either positive sides to them as well. Let's take a look at the 10 Commandments from this positive perspective and also how they are represented in the cross. Print out 40

Deuteronomy 6:5

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Leviticus 19:18b

18 but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Mark 12:30–31

30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

- I.** Commandments are reflected in the cross.
 - A Love the Lord your God.
 - B Love your neighbor as yourself.
- II.** The cross reflects our relationship to others.
 - A The vertical crossbar shows our Godward relationship.
 - B The horizontal crossbeam shows our manward relationships.
- III.** God's commands provide guidelines for us.
 - A They show us his expectations.
 - B They allow his presence in us.
 - C They open us up to his gracious gifts.

Conclusion

We have seen how God's law can meet positive and negative. You can approach it with the "thou shalt not's" but you can also see from the standpoint of loving God and loving your fellow man. God's laws could be seen as keeping you from doing things you want to do it can also be seen as keeping you within God's boundaries for a healthy, happy life. No matter how you look at them God has decreed them so that his presence can dwell with his people. And in unholy people can be united after looking at God's laws.