“Murder”
Exodus 20:13

Introduction

I. Many people do not correctly understand “Thou shalt not kill.”
II. What does it really mean?
III. The Law of Moses is no longer in effect, so what about today (Col. 2:14).

Discussion

I. What does “Thou shalt not kill” really mean?
   A. The Hebrew word translated “kill” means murder.
   B. It is not the taking of all life, but the taking of life when it is “unjustified.”
      1. If all taking of life had been meant, then there would have been contradictions in the Bible (Lev. 20:10).
      2. God clarified what murder is and what murder is not (Num. 35:9-34).
   C. Jesus correctly stated that it means murder (Matt. 19:18).
   D. How does God feel about murder (Prov. 6:16-19).
   E. God commanded punishment for murder (Gen. 9:6, Exo. 21:12; Deut. 19:11-13).
      1. Notice Romans 13:1-5 (this how murder should be punished today).
      2. Notice Numbers 35:31 again.
      3. Notice Acts 25:11.
II. Murder is sin under the Law of Christ.
   A. Murder is one of the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).
   B. Murder comes from the mind/heart of one is reprobate (Rom. 1:28-32; Mark. 7:17:23).
   C. Murder will cause souls to be lost (Rev. 21:8).
      1. Like any sin, murder can be forgiven.
      2. The blood of Jesus is able to wash any sin (Eph. 1:7; Acts 22:16).
   D. Some “murderers” do not even realize that they have committed such (1 John 3:15).

Conclusion

I. There does not have to be confusion about “Thou shalt not kill.”
II. Murder has been wrong in every dispensation of time.