Let's be Clear! Part 2

Do people think that becoming a Christian involves following burdensome rules that will remove the joy of living?

What could be further from the truth?

In every era of human history, what a difference humanity could have made by obeying God's sensible requirements as found in his ten commandments. It would have eliminated all murder, theft, dishonouring of parents, unfaithfulness in marriage, dishonesty, coveting what isn't rightfully ours, etc.

What's so terrible about that?

Is it the very first command that frightens people off? It says, “You shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20.3.

Is that our problem – we don't want God to have first place in our lives? So how dare he tell us what we should or shouldn't do!

Even we Christians can unwittingly allow lesser gods – our car, our home, our family – to have first place in our lives.

Well let's be clear about this – God knows all about the weaknesses and failures of every one of us. And since none of us have kept the ten commandments perfectly, we are all in need of the rescue and free forgiveness God offers us through his wonderful Son, Jesus – the Saviour of the world.

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The voice of sin is loud, but God's voice of forgiveness is louder.

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