

Jesus said, “If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments” – John 14:15

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Jesus has given to us many commandments which He expects us to keep and teach to others.

At the start, it is so important that we understand, that the way we keep the commands of Jesus, is by His grace and enabling, faith in His promises, and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Philippians 2:13, Romans 16:26, Romans 8:1-4.

We are not able to keep the commands of Jesus by human effort, determination, legalism and striving.
Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:16.

Obedience is made possible through faith in the promises of God. Romans 16:26, KJV, “The obedience of faith.”
Another translation gives, “The obedience that comes from faith,” in Romans 1:5.

This is summed up in Philippians 2:13, “It is God who works in us to both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”
Jesus Christ lives in the believer and the love of God is poured into our heart by the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:5.
“I have been crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me:.....” Galatians 2:20.
Somebody said, “The Lawgiver on the throne, is the law keeper in our hearts.”

Jesus expects us to obey His commandments

“Go therefore and teach, (KJV marg. make disciples of), all nations, baptizing them.....Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo,” Matthew 28:19,20

“You are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.” John 15:14, Matthew 12:50

“Why do you call me, “Lord, Lord,” and do not the things which I say?” Luke 6:46

Not everyone that says unto Me, “Lord, Lord,” shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that does the will of My Father who is in Heaven. Matthew 7:21

“Whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:”
Matthew 7:24

“If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. John 15:10

Jesus lived a life of obedience to the Father, and He expects us to live in obedience to Him.

When Jesus was 12 years old He said to His parents, “How is it that you looked for Me, did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business? Luke 2:49

Jesus said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” John 4:34

Jesus said, “Truly, truly.....The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what he sees the Father do.....” John 5:19

Jesus said, “I can of My own self do nothing: as I hear I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me. John 5:30

Jesus said, “I came down from Heaven not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. John 6:38

Jesus said, “.....I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has taught Me. I speak these things.....for I always do those things that please Him.” John 8:28,29

Jesus said, “I have not spoken of Myself; (KJV marg. of My own authority), but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. John 12:49

Jesus said, “.....The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself; (KJV marg. of My own authority), but the Father that dwells in Me, He does the works. John 14:10

Jesus' commands to us, include the following:

Jesus said, "The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: **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: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, **You shall love your neighbour as yourself.** Mark 12:29-31

Jesus said, "This is My commandment, **That you love one another, as I have loved you.**" John 15:12, John 13:34

Jesus said, "And as you would that men should do to you, **do also to them likewise.** Luke 6:31, Matthew 7:12

Jesus said, "Go into all the world, and **preach the Gospel to every creature.**" Mark 16:15

Jesus said, "All power, (authority), is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth. **Go you therefore and teach, (KJV marg. make disciples of), all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: **teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo,....." Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said, "When you stand praying, **forgive, if you have ought, (KJV marg. anything), against any:** that your Father also which is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:25

Jesus said, "**Seek first the Kingdom of God**, and all these things, (concerns of the provision of daily needs), will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

Jesus said, "**Let your light shine before men**, that they may see your good works; and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16, Acts 10:38

Jesus said, "**Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:** I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Matthew 5:17, Luke 16:17, Romans 7:12, Romans 7:22.

(The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:4.

Do we make void the law by faith? No! We establish the law. Romans 3:31.)

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." **But I say unto you, Love your enemies;** bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you." Matthew 5:43,44, Luke 6:27-36.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, "You shall not kill";**But I say unto you**, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment" Matthew 5:21,22

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery": **But I say unto you**, that whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matthew 5:27,28

[Matthew 5,6,and 7, contain other commands of the Lord Jesus.

Jesus sums up these chapters by saying, "**Whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them**, I will liken him unto a wise man that built his house upon a rock." Matthew 7:24]

Living by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to walk in obedience to Jesus.

"**Living by faith**", is living by heart belief, and bold proclamation, of the words that the Holy Spirit has spoken to us. 2Corinthians 4:13.

As we keep the rhema, (spoken), Word in our heart and mouth, the Holy Spirit enables us to OBEY. Deuteronomy 30:14. Romans 10:17, Joshua 1:8, Romans 10: 6-10, Galatians 3:5, Psalm 116:10.

The Spirit of faith is believing and proclaiming the words the Holy Spirit has spoken to us. 2Corinthians 4:13

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher in all things. 1John 2:27, John 14:26, John 16:13

1 Corinthians 7:19, "..... what matters is keeping the commandments of God."

Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

1 Corinthians 9:21, "..... being not without law to God, but being under the law to Christ."