

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Which Commandments?****Which Commandments?, on: 2014/8/15 13:48**

1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome.

Brethren which commandments is John speaking of here.

(If I was a betting man I think I know how the forum will answer:-)

Blaine :-)

Re: A Which Commandments? - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/8/15 15:16

Believe on Jesus and love one another.

John 3:23; John 13:34

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2014/8/15 15:18

What ever the Lord commands you to do.

Re: A Which Commandments? - posted by amranger (), on: 2014/8/15 15:44

(1John 3:23)

And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

Re: A Which Commandments? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/8/15 15:50

Greetings Blaine

The BIBLE tells us in John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command." That seems to cover all commands given to us by the LORD.

I think of it like this, as a parent I give my children instruction and rules to follow and I expect them to obey each of them. I think it works the same way for us, GOD the FATHER has given us commands and expects they be obeyed and submitted to. Not some, but all...what is truly amazing though is that HE also gives us the HOLY SPIRIT so that we can obey and submit. Not by our own strength but by HIS.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by dfella (), on: 2014/8/15 17:12

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
(Matthew 22:36-40)

One cannot keep any of the 10 commandments until he first love God and his neighbor.

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Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/15 19:42

loving god with all your heart is part of the ten commands ,,the rest of the comands really hang from that one command ,,it really means to the Christians we need to repent from idoarty of the heart,, addictions are usually one false god that Christians have there heart set on ,,greed ,the love of money ,and covetous with is idolatry

that greatest command really is used by god through the spirit to Pearce our hearts and show our idolatry

the spirit writes that law on our hearts and conscience , and love your neighbors deals with hate and selfish ambitions when repented of the new comets love our enemy's will be delt with after that

but when Christians and sinners have hardened there hearts against the Gospel ,and the conscience becomes weak and defiled ,,then the old law its self is good when used lawful as Paul said ,,and preaching the ten commandments and others laws of the old acts to convict the hardened heart who cant any more hear the spirits message

we see this principle in actions throughout the new testament

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/15 19:47

blain he is speaking about the whole moral law given by moses which is writtern on our heart by the spirit

jesus said in the old testament to those under the first covenant,, i will write my laws on there hearts

Re: , on: 2014/8/16 12:21

Gary,

John is actually speaking of the command to believe in the Name of Jesus Christ and to love one another. This is born out in 1 John 3:23-24. These are His commandments which are not burdensome.

Blaine

Re: Which Commandments? - posted by RogerB (), on: 2014/8/16 12:24

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You can look at the transfiguration where Moses, Elijah and Jesus appeared. The voice from heaven said, "Hear my son".

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Recently I've been trying to dig deep into this subject largely due to the other thread about what Scriptures we are under the authority of today.

I have come to agree with a view that largely agrees with RogerB's post above. I'd like to share here a few links to articles that I believe make a strong case for this view. This view sees the Mosaic Law/System/Covenant as completely obsolete in terms of being binding as per Hebrews 8:13. Yet this view also sees the Old Testament as containing timeless moral laws or principles that have always been binding and are still applicable today since we see them repeated in the NT.

http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/OTeSources/05-Deuteronomy/Text/Articles/Hays-ApplyingLaw-BS.htm

<http://thecripplegate.com/schreiner-the-threefold-division-and-the-law-of-god/>

<http://thecripplegate.com/evangelism-and-the-law-of-god/>

Re: - posted by dfella (), on: 2014/8/16 15:33

None of what the scriptures say is possible without loving God and one another from the heart. We keep the law and commandments of God because as Brothagary said that God has written them on our hearts.

We also keep the law by faith because we are saved and justified.

Many use grace as a license to continue in sin saying we are no longer under the law but grace, however God's grace enables us to keep the law. They also say grace is a covering for sin, grace does not cover sin, only the blood of Christ can cover sin. Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid.

He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him. He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked. (1 John 2:4-6)

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:17-20)

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. (Romans 3:31)

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Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (James 2:17-26)

Should we as Christians attend church?

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:41-47)

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

And upon the first day of the week (SUNDAY), when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. (Acts 20:7)

Upon the first day of the week (SUNDAY) let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

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with respect brother blain that is what the apostal john was talking about

but was also is interestion that the jewish christians were actual aiming at keeping the whole law and the feasts and cirumcision which goes beoned the righeous requirments of the law and that was fine according to the apostals as long as they didnt believe the were being justafied by doing so most of the apostals that were teachers of the jews were doing this them selfs and obviouly taught this ,,im asuming tho the death penelity and eye for and eye was not taught in the jewish side of the church due to jesus laws super seding and canceling certaint laws like oths ands love you enemys

now obviously there will be difference in gentil christians on what the righeous requirments of the law are ,,like some go as far as saying woman should not were pants nor christians should not get tatoos ectra ,, i wonder if head courvering for woman comes from the old law ,,im not sure

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but that would be worth another topic ,,

what are the righteous requirements of the tora law

can i get a jesus tattoo to glorify god or some holy scripture tattooed on my forearm ,,or am i breaking the righteous requirements of the law ,,because the law says ,ill shall not mark my body like the pagans do

i personally go with the no tattoos laws

what are your thoughts fourm

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Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/8/16 20:18

by bearmaster

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Blaine, I agree with that but I think the question remains, what does that mean and what does that look like in today's so

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ciety? For example, those who call themselves gay Christians will say that they are keeping those commandments and try to justify their lifestyle. So do many others who practice and try to justify other kinds of blatant sins. I've heard these three commands quoted over and over when witnessing on the streets by those living open rebellion against God (believe in Jesus, love God, love your neighbor as yourself).

Again I will point out that we need specific instruction because of our fallenness and God has graciously given those specifics to us in both the Old and New Testaments. And again, if all we needed to know was those simple commands God would not have deemed it necessary to give us so much God-breathed scripture with so many specific instructions and commands.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/16 20:36

Blaine what we can do as Christians is to use one letter like johns to go against another letter say of Paul „we must keep it one context we cant preach one letter to nullify another teaching

Jesus is just emphasizing those to commandments as focal points ,like he did early with the to greatest

faith in him was important to be able to enter in to fellowship god the father and god the god the son and loving one another Jews and gentiles in fellowship was the expression of god love for us

brother none of the commands are burdensome because he has written them on our heart and given us his spirit „we become a man Father his own heart

but when a Christian backslides in to sin „his spirit is quenched and our hearts become dull,,so there in lies the importance of the others commands to convict and bring repentance

saying to the back slider or sinner who has seard his conscience , just love god and love your neighbors doesnt bring conviction of sin „,this is what the law is precisely for „,as Paul said if it is used lawfully it is a good thing

blessings

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/8/16 20:55

by brothagary

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Amen, excellent way of putting it! Ah, but I can almost hear the objection, what about if you're not in a backslidden or unregenerate state? Don't you just need those simple commandments if you're walking in the Spirit? I say no, because you still have the flesh that wants to rear its ugly head and attack at every single opportunity. And the devil and the world are also great enemies that want to allure you in various ways, and you are still liable to stumble, thus the need for detailed instruction and exhortation on life and godliness from the Word of God.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/16 21:19

yea i wont disagree with thatjesus said the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak

Jesus used other commands to Battle Satan didnt he „not just the two greatest commands

man shall not live by bread alone
yea shall not tempt god

that really settels it if Jesus used extra commands to ward of Satan and boost is faith shale not we do the same

isnt that whatit all about,, what jesus said and did
amen and amen

Re: Which Commandments? - posted by savannah, on: 2014/8/17 17:08

1 Cor. 14:34-37 Let your women be silent in the assemblies, for it is not allowed to them to speak, but to be in subjection, as also the Law says. But if they desire to learn anything, let them question their husbands at home; for it is a shame for a woman to speak in an assembly. Or did the Word of God go out from you? Or did it reach only to you? If anyone thinks to be a prophet, or a spiritual one, let him recognize the things I write to you, that they are a command of the Lord.

2 Peter 3:1,2 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle, in which by reminder I stir up your sincere mind to remember the words having been spoken before by the holy prophets, and the command of the Lord and Savior by us, the apostles.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/18 2:46

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Re: Matthew 28:18-20 - posted by savannah, on: 2014/8/18 18:37

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus however came near and said to them, "All power in Heaven and over the earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to obey every command which I have given you. And remember, I am with you always, day by day, until the Close of the Age."
(1912 Weymouth New Testament)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20 KJV)

Then Jesus came up, and spoke to them thus: "All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Faith of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, And teaching them to lay to heart all the commands that I have given you; and, remember, I myself am with you every day until the close of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 Twentieth Century New Testament (TCNT)(1904)

"All that are baptized, are thereby obliged, (1.) To make the command of Christ their rule. There is a law of faith, and we are said to be under the law to Christ; we are by baptism bound, and must obey. (2.) To observe what Christ has commanded. Due obedience to the commands of Christ requires a diligent observation; we are in danger of missing, if we take not good heed: and in all our obedience, we must have an eye to the command, and do what we do as unto the Lord. (3.) To observe all things, that he has commanded, without exception; all the moral duties, and all the instituted ordinances. Our obedience to the laws of Christ is not sincere, if it be not universal; we must stand complete in his whole will. (4.) To confine themselves to the commands of Christ, and as not to diminish from them, so not to add to them. (5.) To learn their duty according to the law of Christ, from those whom he has appointed to be teachers in his school, for therefore we were entered into his school.

2. The duty of the apostles of Christ, and his ministers; and that is, to preach the commands of Christ, to expound them to his disciples, to press upon them the necessity of obedience, and to assist them in applying the general commands of Christ to particular cases. They must teach them, not their own inventions, but the institutions of Christ; to them they must religiously adhere, and in the knowledge of them Christians must be trained up. A standing ministry is hereby settled in the church, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the perfect man, Eph. 4:11-13. The heirs of heaven, till they come to age, must be under tutors and governors."

Matthew Henry

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Re: , on: 2014/8/18 19:03

Gary according to Heb.3:3 Christ has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.

Blaine

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1 John, 3:23-24

This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and he in him. We know by this that he abides in us by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 5:3

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Brethren to read Mosaic Code into 1John 5:3 is not doing justice to the text or the context of 1 John.

When John speaks of His commandments that are not burdensome he is speaking of faith and love. The context requires this understanding to do justice to the text.

Also to note to have faith and love is to be in relationship to Jesus. To have Jesus living in us by the Holy Spirit.

So simple it is scary. At least to the law keepers. Praise God I will delight in having faith in Jesus and loving my neighbor.

Blaine

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/19 2:44

Blaine I was referring to the scripture Savana posted

2 Peter 3:1,2 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle, in which by reminder I stir up your sincere mind to remember the words having been spoken before by the holy prophets,

Peter is saying don't forget what the law and all the prophets say as well as Jesus and the apostles. He is exhorting the Christians to also look to Moses and the other prophets.

That's scary all right to the law breakers it is are you a law keeper or a law breaker

Re: , on: 2014/8/19 8:32

Gary,

With His enabling Spirit seek to keep His commands of faith in Him and love for one another. That should be a full-time endeavor to stay faithful on my walk with Jesus.

Stay faithful to Jesus, bro.

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