Lesson #

Christology-The Commands of the Lord Jesus Christ

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\* In this lesson we are going to learn about the Commands of Christ. This should be very important to the Bible believer. If the Lord Jesus Christ is indeed what we call Him (“Lord”) then we should be interested and want to know what it is our Lord desires of us, right?

“And w \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ y \_ m \_, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” ***Luke 6:46***

\* The idea that a man could believe on Christ as his Saviour and not pay any attention to what He commanded is rather strange, wouldn’t you say? Even the heathen are devoted to their false gods and what they think their commands are, some even to death. Nothing could be more ludicrous than a man professing to believe Christ and ignore what He says. A man that has a job pays attention to what his bosses desires are. A ball player pays attention to his coach and what he wants. People recognize devotion by the actions more than by the talk of the lips. If someone was to ask you if Christ was your Lord, what would be your reply? Yes, of course He is! Okay, if someone asked you if you are devoted to Him, what would be your reply? Yes, Of course I am! Okay, what if they asked you then, “What are His commands?” Uhhh! Ohhh! Hmm! Is that how it would be? You see, there is more to devotion that just the talk of the lips. The Lord said above “*and* ***DO*** *not the things I say*.” Maybe you do not know what the Lord commands and have not thought about it but do want to be pleasing to the Lord. That’s good. Let’s settle in for a while and study the Scriptures and see what it is that “the Lord commands.”

\* We are going to talk in this lesson about a number of things concerning the commands of Christ. But first we must realize something. Christ gave His commands in the “**imperative**.” In other words, His commands are meant to “*require attention or action*.” He did not give commands in a **declarative** or **suggestive** state, *in a take it or leave it sort of way*. This of course brings up the matter of *authority*, which is the most important subject in the word of God. This explains why people who resent authority and rebel against authority like to be their own gods and bosses and pay no attention at all to what Jesus Christ said.

“An e \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.” ***Proverbs 17:11***

“As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover u \_ \_ \_ a \_

 o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_e \_ \_.” ***Proverbs 25:12***

“For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to

 m \_ \_ \_ the G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, by w \_ \_ \_ and d \_ \_ \_,” ***Romans 15:18***

****\* So, let’s begin with an obedient ear and learn the Commands of the Lord Jesus Christ together.

* **The Lord Commands *Repentance***

“From that time J \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ s \_ \_, R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ***Matthew 4:17***

“But s \_ \_ \_ y \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ the k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” ***Matthew 6:33***

“S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ a \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.” ***Luke 13:24***

Repentance is two-fold, turning from sin and turning unto God. It is like the prodigal son in the hog pen, where the true essence of sin was departing from God, and the true essence of repentance was returning to God. The prodigal son gets up and leaves the hog pen and comes home. The Lord commands all men everywhere to repent.

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_

 e \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ to repent:” ***Acts 17:30***

“\_ t \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, Nay: but, e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, ye shall a \_ \_ likewise p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Luke 13:3***

“Or despisest thou the riches of h \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ thee to

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_?” ***Romans2:4***

How foolish and stupid of a person to not accept the goodness of God in allowing them to repent. Very dangerous decision for the lost man and the saved child of God. The Lord commands repentance.

* **The Lord Commands *Belief***

****We are to believe the Gospel.

“And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, a \_ \_

 b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Mark 1:15***

We are to believe on the Father and on Christ.

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ G \_ \_, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ i \_ m \_.” ***John 14:1***

Believing in the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ is clearly commanded. We are not to be a deist or a theist. You are not to believe just in God, but you are to believe in His Son. The Lord Jesus Christ is the one who gave the command. Why do you pray to God in Jesus name if you do not care what He commands?

* **The Lord Commands *the New Birth***

The Lord commands for you to be born-again. He does not ask for opinions, what anybody thinks, or what anybody’s friends think, or even what your church teaches about it.

“Marvel not that \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto thee, Y \_ m \_ \_ \_ b \_ born again.” ***John 3:7­***

“J \_ \_ \_ \_ answered and s \_ \_ \_ unto them, This is t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, that y \_

 b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ whom he hath sent.” ***John 6:29***

One thing also to notice is that baptism is not mentioned in this command anywhere. He gave a command to believe on Him. Have you done it? The New Birth is the mysterious operation of the Holy Ghost who converts the sinner.

“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

 r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ are w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in heaven.” ***Luke 10:20***

Your name can only be written in heaven on the condition that you have obeyed the Lord’s command to be born again. Have you obeyed? Obey Him today!

“Either m \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_, and his fruit good; or else m \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.” ***Matthew 12:33***

Conversion is the only solution. The Lord does not ask you to whitewash the old tree or fix it up, He requires a different tree.

* **The Lord Commands *the Receiving of the Holy Ghost***



“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_,

R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_:” ***John 20:22***

“And, behold, I s \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of my Father u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ from on high.” ***Luke 24:49***

Now, both operations are taken care of when the Christian receives the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, but in the context in these passages, the Holy Ghost has not been given officially from Heaven down to this earth yet but will be.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ unto you; but if I depart, \_ w \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ unto you. ***John 16:7***

* **The Lord Commands *to Follow Him***

The believer is not given a choice but commanded to follow the Lord Jesus without doubting or questioning.

“If any man serve me, l \_ \_ h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.” ***John 12:26***

“And h \_ s \_ \_ \_ to them a \_ \_, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, a \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_.” ***Luke 9:23***

“J \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ m \_.” ***John 21:22***

This is the motto of the infantry school in Fort Benning, Georgia. Isn’t it strange how an unsaved man will give his life for the government, and yet, he will not follow Jesus Christ? It is a command Christian, “*Follow me*.” Are you following?

* **The Lord gives Commands *in regard to Prayer***

If a Christian is accepting of the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ, his life will be characterized by prayer.

“Watch ye therefore, a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” ***Luke 21:36***

“And when he was at the place, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto them, P \_ \_ \_ that ye e \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ into

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Luke 22:40***

****“P \_ \_ \_ y \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.” ***Matthew 9:38***

“Bless them that curse you, and p \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ which despitefully use you.

***Luke 6:28***

“P \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***1 Thessalonians 5:17***

Those are commands to pray. The Lord did not explain any details concerning His command or ask for opinions. For a Christian not to pray is in direct disobedience to the Lords commands.

“If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, e \_ \_ \_ the w \_ \_ \_ \_

o \_ o \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and to t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,” ***1 Timothy 6:3,4***

* **The Lord Commands *Faith***

The saint of God is made great because he has faith in a Great God.

“And J \_ \_ \_ \_ answering s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto them, H \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ G \_ \_.” ***Mark 11:22***

“Then s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: a \_ \_ b \_ n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 20:27***

Let us put away our unbelief and have faith! God has never let any of us down and has no intentions of doing so in the future. He can be trusted, completely!

“But straightway J \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto them, s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, Be of good cheer; i \_ i \_ \_; b \_ n \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 14:27***

* **The Lord Commands *to Search the Scriptures***

“S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” ***John 5:39***

“R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ that \_ s \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.” ***John 15:20***

“S \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the w \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Timothy 2:15***

We as Christian people and servants to the Most High God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ are to *read*, we are to *study*, we are to *remember* the word of God. The Lord did not command us to debate, correct or declare our opinion of the Scriptures. We are commanded to “***study***.” We are commanded to know what God say’s. The reason someone does not study God’s word is simple. They don’t want to! But yet it is commanded. Christianity today treats Gods word as a nice little keepsake kept over on the table on a doily for everyone to see, a shrine of sorts. Important, but not meant for reading. Look what the Lord says about that insignificant book setting on your doily.

“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and ***receiveth not my words***, hath one thatjudgeth him: ***the word that I have spoken***, the same shall judge himin the last day.” ***John 12:47-48***

Ignorance is bliss, *only for a season!* We are commanded to know that book. God’s book. If you are saved, your duty is to know what your Saviour has said.

* **The Lord Commands *Christians to let their lights shine brightly***

“L \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” ***Matthew 5:16***

If you have been born-again you have God the Holy Ghost abiding in you and God has done some wonderful things for you that you should not be ashamed to tell. If you are saved you cannot deny this, or you are a fake. You are to tell it. Funny thing, almost the only time the Lord tells you to blab your head off about what He has done for you and everyone clams up. What’s that all about?

“For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Romans 10:11***

“Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, G \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

a \_ \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ how great things the Lord hath d \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, and hath had compassion on thee.” ***Mark 5:19***

* **The Lord Commands *Christians to have a Supreme love for God***

“And t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Mark 12:30***

****We are not to love the Lord with all of our leftover love. We are to love Him to our maximum degree. We are to love Him according to the Lords Command with all our heart-Sincerity, soul-soul, mind-spirit, strength-body. You are to love the Lord above *everything* and *everybody*.

“If any man come to me, and hate not h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and w \_ \_ \_, and c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, yea, and h \_ \_ o \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ also, he cannot be my disciple.” ***Luke 14:26***

* **The Lord Commands *Obedience to Authority***

“And J \_ \_ \_ \_ answering s \_ \_ \_ unto them, R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and to God the things that are God’s. And they marvelled at him.” ***Mark 12:17***

As a child of God, the Lord commands us to love and obey the authority whether it is from God or not. We are to pray for those in authority and be subject to the powers that be. ***Romans 13:1-7***

* **The Lord Commands *that we Love our neighbor***

“Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_

 t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 19:19***

“And as ye would that men should do to you, d \_ y \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Luke 6:31***

A Christian is commanded to be a good neighbor. What better way to show the love of Christ than to take a opportunity to help out a neighbor because you want to, not because you have to. Remember, it’s a command. We obey because we want to. He’s our Lord!

* **The Lord Commands *there be no Covetousness***

Our lives, affections, desires and treasures are to be heaven centered. We are not to love or desire the things of this world. In this greedy, self-centered society today driven by more, more, more we are commanded to turn away from the lures and focus on things above. We are not to look and want, we are to look and give.

“And h \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto them, Take heed, and b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for a man’s life consisteth not in the a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which he

 p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Luke 12:15***

“G \_ \_ \_ to him that a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, and from him that would borrow of thee t \_ \_ \_

n \_ \_ thou a \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 5:42***

“L \_ \_ n \_ \_ u \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:” ***Matthew 6:19,20***

In the Bible when it describes something that a man has, it calls it his “possessions.” Man, only possesses the things he has here on the earth, he doesn’t own anything. You ever think about that? You are commanded not to covet. You might ask, “How do I know where my treasure is?

“For w \_ \_ \_ \_ your t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_, t \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ \_.”

***Matthew 6:21***

Where’s your heart???

“J \_ \_ \_ \_ answered and s \_ \_ \_ unto him, If a man love me, h \_ w \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ m \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ m \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.” ***John 14:23,24***

* **The Lord Commands *not to be a Hypocrite***

“In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, h \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ unto h \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ of all, B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ye of the l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the Pharisees,

w \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Luke 12:1***

We are to be Christlike in meekness, lowliness and humility and not be fakirs. We are to serve the Lord in sincerity and truth.

“Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***1 Corinthians 5:8***

“And whosoever of you w \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, shall b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ a \_ \_.” ***Mark 10:44***

“So likewise ye, when ye shall have d \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which are

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was

o \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ t \_ d \_.” ***Luke 17:10***

***Hypo***-Below: beneath; under; compare ***Crit*** - A serious examination and judgment of something.

“But b \_ y \_d \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, and n \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_, deceiving y \_ \_ \_

o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***James 1:22***

* **The Lord Commands *the Love of the Brethren***

“This is m \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, That y \_ l \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_

l \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, i \_ y\_ d \_whatsoever \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_.” ***John 15:12-14***

****Now, when we are talking about Christs love, we are not talking about the worlds kind of love nor are we talking about ninety percent of so called “the love of Jesus” that is in society today, and among Christians. There have been so many tragedies in the Body of Christ in the name of this fake love its unthinkable. What some people call the love of Christ today is doing a dope deal in church on Sunday. That is not the love of Christ nor is that the love Christ is speaking of. Christ gave an example of His love in the above verse, ***to loving like He loves***. It is called “Sacrifice.” When you love like Christ loves, you don’t get anything out of it, except the peace of knowing that you have obeyed your Master. It is absolute and utter sacrifice. Christ’s love costs you something, with no guarantee of anything in return here on earth. When faced with this definition of Scriptural love most crawfish, to include Christianity. Christ’s love separates the sincere from the fakirs. Christs love glorifies the Father, not the fakir.

King David gave a good example of Christ’s love when faced with an issue. Look what His response was.

“And t \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ burnt offerings u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ m \_ G \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ doth c \_ \_ \_ m \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. So David bought the threshingfloor and the

oxen for fifty shekels of silver.” ***2 Samuel 24:24***

“And k \_ \_ \_ D \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it f \_ \_ t \_ \_f \_ \_ \_

 p \_ \_ \_ \_: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_.” ***1 Chronicles 21:24***

“My little children, let us n \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ i \_ w \_ \_ \_, neither i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but i \_d \_ \_ \_ and i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***1 John 3:18***

The Lord commands us to love the brethren, but with *His kind of love*, **Christ’s love**.

* **The Lord Commands *that standards be kept High***

“B \_ y \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” ***Matthew 5:48***

You’ll hear the old cliché, “well I’m under grace” or “God will forgive me.” These are words that should never come out of the mouth of a blood bought Christian. It is because we are free we choose to be perfect. Because we want to, not because we have to.

“We love him, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ he first loved us.” ***1 John 4:19***

* **The Lord Commands for Believers *to Preach the Gospel wherever they are***

“And h \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto them, G \_ y \_ into all the world, and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to every creature.” ***Mark 16:15***

Every sincere Christian living is shining as a spiritual light in the world for all to see. We are not to cover or hide our lights but let them shine brightly as to draw the lost sinner to Christ.

“L \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_, that they m \_ \_ s \_ \_ your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” ***Matthew 5:16***

There was someone letting their light shine that was involved with drawing you to Christ. We to should be part of others coming to Christ. There is no other satisfaction comparable to being part of someone being born again. Joy unspeakable.

* **The Lord Commands for *Christians to minister the word to one another.***

God’s people are to minister the word to one another. The great typology to this truth was shown to us in ***John 13***. When the Lord Jesus got through washing the disciple’s feet He said,

“Now y \_ a \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ which I h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_

y \_ \_.” ***John 15:3***

What Jesus did in ***John 13*** when He washed the disciple’s feet plainly had nothing to do with the literal foot washing, for when He came to Simon Peter, He said,

“J \_ \_ \_ \_ answered and s \_ \_ \_ unto him, What I do thou k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ n \_ \_; but thou s \_ \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ hereafter.” ***John 13:7***

The Lord was plainly telling us that there was more going on than just the foot washing. The Lord Jesus Christ did not say to His disciples “Do ***what*** I have done to you,” the foot washing: but, “Do ***as*** I have done unto you,” meaning, how He humbled Himself and ministered to them. Christians are to minister the word to each other. Nothing could be clearer than this from the passages in the Pauline epistles where we are told that the church is to be washed and sanctified by,

“That he might s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ with the washing of water b \_

t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_,” ***Ephesians 5:26***

* **The Lord Commands *to watch and be Ready for His Second Coming***

“B \_ y \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.” ***Luke 12:40***

The world does not believe that Christ is coming back like He said. They think it is a fairytale that those stupid Bible fanatics conjured up. They don’t care! But, we are to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ at any moment, and we are not asked our opinions about it. The command is to “Be ready!” Are you ready? He’s coming you know?

* **The Lord Commands *that the Believer be Faithful unto Death***

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and h \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ for the grace that is to be brought unto you a \_ t \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_;” ***1 Peter 1:13***

One thing that is very important to the Lord and should be for the Christian is to finish the right way. In the end of His ministry the Apostle Paul had things to say concerning how he was finishing. Either way that we go, by death or meeting the Lord in the air, we should be found to finish well.

“Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, t \_ \_ \_ i \_ m \_ first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, f \_ \_ a p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ which should h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ to life everlasting.” ***1 Timothy 1:16***

Whether you think your pattern you are leaving behind you matters or not, Paul said it does. If others see a Saviour important enough to one man to live and die for, perhaps He is important enough for them to hope in, in a day when there is nothing for anyone to hope. People are searching for hope. We are not only commanded to live upright, but to die upright.

“I h \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a good fight, I h \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ my course, I h \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_

the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that

l \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Timothy 4:7, 8***

\*In Conclusion, in regard to the Commands of Christ, we know that if a man loves Christ he will keep His words. He will not change them. We are to use these commandments as an inventory to check our personal lives before God.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, ***If a man love me, he will keep my words***: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” ***John 14:23***



“***If*** ye love me, ***keep my commandments***.” ***John 14:15***

The Scriptures teach us that there are three major types to whom the word of God is written: ***The Church, The Jew, and The Gentile***. We know that in the Body of Christ (The Church) there is neither Jew or Gentile, so we must rightly divide the word of God to make the distinction in regard to who the commands are for. We are not to be afraid of any of this, because God the Holy Ghost that leads us into all truth will not confuse the sincere. Whatever our Lord wants, we desire to be obedient to Him. Amen!

We should understand that with all that we do know, there are things that we do not know. But, we are to be faithful with the things that God has revealed to us, and study to know more.

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if

they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world

itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.” ***John 21:25***

The Commands of the Lord Jesus Christ