

The Commandment and the Comforter

John 14:15-21

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John 14

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

20 "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

1785. entolh entole, en-tol-ay'

from 1781; injunction, i.e. an authoritative prescription:--commandment, precept.

Mark 12

28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first **commandment** of all?"

29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the **commandments** is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

30 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first **commandment**.

Hebrews 9

19 For when Moses had spoken every **precept** to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

1 John 2

7 Brethren, I write no new **commandment** to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old **commandment** is the word which you heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new **commandment** I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

John 12

49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a **command**, what I should say and what I should speak.

5083. threw tereo, tay-reh'-o

from teros (a watch; perhaps akin to 2334); to guard (from loss or injury, properly, by keeping the eye upon; and thus differing from 5442, which is properly to prevent escaping; and from 2892, which implies a fortress or full military lines of apparatus), i.e. to note (a prophecy; figuratively, to fulfil a command); by implication, to detain (in custody; figuratively, to maintain); by extension, to withhold (for personal ends; figuratively, to keep unmarried); by extension, to withhold (for personal ends; figuratively, to keep unmarried):--hold fast, keep(-er), (pre-, re-)serve, watch.

Mark 7

9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may **keep** your tradition.

John 8

51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone **keeps** My word he shall never see death."

52 Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone **keeps** My word he shall never taste death.'

Acts 15

5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to **keep** the law of Moses."

Acts 24

23 So he commanded the centurion to **keep** Paul and to let him have liberty, and told him not to forbid any of his friends to provide for or visit him.

What are some of Christ's commandments?

Matthew 4

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

John 3

7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

Matthew 5

16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

John 15

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Matthew 5

44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matthew 5

48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

In our own strength, commandments mock us for our weakness. With the Helper- the Holy Spirit- commandments become promises of what will be.