

Keep the Commandments

Scripture reading: Revelation 12:17

Who is it that *"keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ?"* If you say that He is talking about the Ten Commandments, then you do not really understand the Scriptures, because the Bible tells me that those who *"keep the commandments of God"* are those who obey Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. John 14:23, *"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."* The reason I said this verse could not mean the Ten Commandments is because no man could keep the Ten Commandments. If the Ten Commandments could have been kept by even one man of the Old Testament, then Jesus would not have come, for it would not have been necessary for Him to come. Jesus came and gave them a new commandment that they should *"love one another."* The Lord said, *"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."* *"The commandments"* then could only mean that Jesus Christ is saying that accepting Jesus as your Saviour and accepting the Blood of Jesus Christ make you love one another and make you *"keep the commandments of God."*

The whole commandment of God is embodied in the one commandment, LOVE. When the Pharisees asked Jesus, *"Which is the great commandment?"* He said, *"Thou shalt LOVE the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind"* and *"thou shalt LOVE thy neighbour as thyself."* He said that this is *"the first and great commandment."* Matthew 22:36-39 says, *"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."* The keeping of God's law is the accepting of Jesus Christ as your Saviour and walking in truth and *"the testimony of Jesus Christ."*

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Thought for today: We keep the Commandments of God when we obey Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.