

Grace & Works Are Inseparable

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What do people desire. If you asked them, you would probably get a lot of different answers. But what people truly desire is peace and happiness and to be free of pain and suffering. When people are going through pain and suffering they often blame God. But pain and suffering doesn't come from God, pain and suffering comes from sin. Some suffering comes as a result of living in a fallen world and other pain and suffering are a direct result of either our sin or the sin of someone else.

God gave us the law because he loves us and he doesn't want us to go through pain and suffering. When Adam and Eve sinned, they brought pain, suffering and death upon the world. God is always calling us to turn away from sin and to the righteousness of God.

Christians look forward to heaven and eternal life. Why is this? Because we are promised there is no pain and suffering in heaven. Why is heaven different than here? Because there is no sin in heaven. At the judgment, Satan, his evil angels and non-repentant sinners will be cast into the lake of fire.¹

If we have free will, how does God change sinners? God can lead us, guide us and empower us but he won't force us. We are saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we accept Jesus as our saviour, we must confess our sins and repent. When we confess our sins and repent, we are choosing to agree with God that the law is just, good, and holy.² Jesus taught that repentance is required in order to be saved.³ Repentance requires us to be sorrowful for our sin and to turn away from sin. Turning from sin means that we quit sinning and become keepers of the law. This is a life long process and we can't do it on our own. We can only achieve it through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

We are not saved because we quit sinning. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection. There is nothing we can ever do to erase our own sins. Because we have sinned we are under penalty of death. Only through Jesus Christ can we be freed from that death decree. Our salvation is not by works, it is a gift from God.⁴ But the law is just, good and holy. We keep the law because we have been saved and because the law is just, good and holy.

If we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, what is faith? Most people will say that faith is believing. Faith is more than just believing. James writes: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." Hebrews 11 is the faith chapter. In this chapter we read:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...
Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear... But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:1, 3 & 6)

1 Revelation 20:10-15

2 Romans 7:12

3 Luke 13:3, 5; Mark 6:12; Luke 5:32, 15:7, 10

4 Ephesians 2:8

The chapter goes on to give examples of the faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses and others. In each case faith is evidenced by what these men did. The devils believe God exist but they don't believe God. They don't agree that God is love and his law is just, good, and holy. When we have faith: we believe what God has said or revealed, we hope for those things God has revealed, we diligently seek him and then we put this faith into action.

The Word of God as found in the Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ has freed us from the curse of the law which is death.⁵ But the law itself is just, good, and holy⁶ and remains in force. Jesus said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. 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." (Matthew 5:17-18)

Not only did Jesus teach that the commandments remains in force but that only those who keep the commandments love him. Further, those who love Jesus are loved by God the Father. See the texts below:

If ye love me, keep my commandments. (John 5:15)

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. (John 5:21)

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. (Matthew 12:50)

Scripture teaches that we are servants to whoever we choose to obey. The keeper of the law is the servant of righteousness (Jesus Christ)⁷ and the servant of sin is the servant of death (Satan)⁸. See excerpts below:

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. (Romans 6:17-18)

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. (John 8:34)

What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. (Romans 6:15-18)

and being made perfect, he [Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (Hebrews 5:9)

There are many deceivers in the Christian church today. They are essentially teaching Satanism. They

5 Galatians 3:10-14

6 Romans 7:12

7 Romans 3:22, 2 Peter 1:1

8 John 8:44

are teaching that the Ten Commandments have been done away with. In effect, without actually saying it, they are teaching that the law of God is bad. If the law God has been done away with, then we are left with "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law". This is what the Church of Satan teaches in the *Satanic Bible*. These men are liars and deceivers. Whether they know it or not, they are followers of Satan. Jesus stated:

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. (Matthew 5:19)

Those men who teach men that it is acceptable to break the commandments shall be thrown into the lake of fire with Satan. They will be called least because they will be as Satan himself.

Satan is a liar, a deceiver and a murderer.⁹ Aleister Crowley is one of the better known Satanists. The press proclaimed him "the wickedest man in the world." He practiced witchcraft, he was a drug abuser, a pedophile, a homosexual and a murderer. He advocated child sacrifice and claimed to have sacrificed many children. He taught "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law". Today this has been repackaged as "there is no absolute law" and "if it feels good, do it". This is not love and it leads to pain and suffering. In order to end pain and suffering, God must put an end to those who reject his law.

The law of God is based on God's Love! People like to blame God for pain and suffering but it is not his fault; it is the natural result of sin. When people reject God's law and do their own will, it is sin and pain and suffering are the result. God gave us the law to protect us from pain and suffering. But the choice is ours. If God protected us from the results of sin, then who would repent? Who would know the true price of sin? Who would be saved?

Pain and suffering can only be eliminated by eliminating sin. In order for God to eliminate sin, he must eliminate the sinner. This is what the judgment is about.

Jesus warned us: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) This is an important verse on its own but taken in context it is even more revealing.

The context is that Jesus is speaking of false Christians, more specifically, false teachers. These deceivers have prophesied in Christ's name. They profess to have cast out demons and done many other wonderful works. But Jesus says they are workers of iniquity and that he never knew them. These false teachers may have led many to Christ but they have assuredly led many more to everlasting destruction. Some of these men and women are preaching lies for profit and some are even motivated by a desire to deceive because they willingly serve Satan. Here is Jesus exact words:

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. (Matthew 7:15-20)

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;

⁹ John 8:44

but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:21-23)

The Apostles Peter and Paul also warned about false teachers and deceivers in the church. Following is a compilation of these warnings:

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.”¹⁰ “And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”¹¹ At this time men “will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”¹² These “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”¹³ “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”¹⁴ If know the word of God, we can identify these deceivers and shall “henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.”¹⁵ “Take heed that ye be not deceived:” for “many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”¹⁶ They “shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”¹⁷ These deceivers “profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”¹⁸

If we are to do the will of the Father in Heaven, we need to know what the father's will is. We have many examples of this in the Ten Commandment (Exodus 20 & Deuteronomy 5); The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5); other statements by Jesus and more. Jesus stated:

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (John 13:34)

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)

But the example that Jesus lived is that he sought the Father's leading in everything he did. Jesus

10 1 Timothy 4:1-2

11 2 Peter 2:2

12 2 Timothy 4:3-4

13 2 Timothy 3:12-17

14 Romans 16:17-19

15 Ephesians 4:11-15

16 Matthew 24:8-13

17 Matthew 24:24-26

18 Titus 1:9-16

looked to the Father to guide him in where he went, what he said and who he healed. Jesus explains:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. (John 5:19)

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. (John 5:30)

This is the example we should follow. We should be led by the spirit of God. Paul writes:

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Romans 8:14-17)

We should seek God's leading in all that we do. While we should seek God's leading in prayer; we should also study his word. In the Bible, we find God's will for all of us. First and foremost God loves each of us and seeks our eternal salvation. We see in Paul's writings in Romans and Ephesians that God has predestined each of us to eternal salvation in Jesus Christ. While he has predestined us, he has left the final choice up to us. We can choose to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour or we can reject him. Paul writes:

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (Romans 8:29-30)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. in whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:3-14)

After we have chosen to accept the saving Grace of Jesus Christ, confessed our sins and repented, committed to keep the law, and received the Holy Spirit, then we should seek God and have him reveal

his specific will for our lives. We should continue to pray every day and recommit our lives, confess our sins, ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit and continue to seek God's will. It is a life long pursuit. As we progress in our walk with God and his son Jesus Christ, he will use us in new and wonderful ways.

Matthew West, in his song "The Motions" states:

don't wanna go through the motions
I don't wanna go one more day
Without Your all consuming passion inside of me

I don't wanna spend my whole life asking
What if I had given everything
Instead of going through the motions?

No regrets, not this time
I'm not gonna let my heart defeat my mind
Let Your love make me whole
I think I'm finally feeling something

'Cause just okay is not enough
Help me fight through the nothingness of this life...

Be blessed and may you have no regrets. May you be filled with God's Holy Spirit and may his all consuming passion live and flow in your life.

**Following are a collection of additional Bible verses for further study.
These are grouped by subject:**

The Saved Keep God's Commandments

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, **to give every man according as his work** shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 **Blessed are they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. (Revelation 22:12-15)

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we **keep his commandments**. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:3-4)

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God**, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 12:17)

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God**,

and the faith of Jesus. (Revelation 14:12)

Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. (Revelation 22:7)

Those Who Continue In Sin Are Condemned

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (Romans 1:18-32)

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (Revelation 20:8)

The World

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12)

And he [Jesus] said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. (John 8:23)

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (1 John 2:15-16) **Note:** The world refers to all that is not of God. This could be false religion, worldly entertainment, drugs, wrong relationships, hatred, envy...

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)

...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity [hostility] with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (James 4:4)

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; (Titus 2:11-12)

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. (Matthew 5:14) **Note:** This is meant to those who have accepted Christ as saviour. We are not the light itself but reflect the light of Christ to the world. If we don't reflect Christ's light, who will?

Jesus Instructions

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17)

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Luke 5:32)

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (Luke 13:3)

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mark 16:16)

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 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 despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45

that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5:43-48)

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (John 13:34)

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. (Matthew 18:21-22)

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 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. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:36-40)

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. 29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. 31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. 32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. 33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. 34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. 36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. 37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:27-38)

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. 12 **This is my commandment, That ye love one another,** as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what

his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. (John 15:9-15)

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:
28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28)

Apostles Instructions

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. (1 John 3:23)

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:6-10)

4 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more. 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. 3 **For this is the will of God**, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 that no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. (1 Thessalonians 4)

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 Despise not prophesyings. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5)

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. (Romans 13)

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1)

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (1 John 2)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (1 John 4:1-3)

The Ten Commandments

1. And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:1-3)
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. (Exodus 20:4-6)
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (Exodus 20:7)
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. (Exodus 20:8-11)
5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. (Exodus 20:12)
6. Thou shalt not kill. (Exodus 20:13)
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14)
8. Thou shalt not steal. (Exodus 20:15)
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. (Exodus 20:16)
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his

manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. (Exodus 20:17)

Saved By Grace Alone

1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Galatians 3:1-13)