

THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

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(Exodus 20:1-17; Deut. 5:6-21)

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1. **“Love the Lord your God...”** – (Deut. 6:5)
2. **“Love your neighbor as yourself...”** – (Levit. 19:18)
3. Keep the commandments of Jesus:
 - A. Jesus said, ***“Follow me!”*** – (Matt. 19:21; cf. John 21:22)
 - B. Jesus gave commandments for all who would become His disciples.
“Keep the commandments.” - (Matt. 19:17-19; 28:19, 20; John 14:15; 15:10)
 - C. Jesus commanded that believers ***“love one another,”*** demonstrating that they are His disciples. – (John 13:34, 35; 15:12, 17)
 - D. Jesus restated the two great commandments from **Deut. 6:5 and Levit. 19:18:**
(Matt. 19:19b; 22:36-39; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 10:26-28)
 - E. Jesus makes an application from the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself: ***“Therefore whatever you want others to do for you, do so for them; for this is the law and the prophets.”*** (**The Golden Rule**) – (Matt. 7:12; cf. Luke 6:3)
4. John the apostle states that our love for God is demonstrated by doing His commandments. ***“...this is the love for God, that we keep His commandments;...”***
(1 John 5:2, 3)
5. James states that believers ***“are doing well”*** when they ***“are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scriptures, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”***
(James 2:8)
6. Jesus and the apostle Paul state that ***“...the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”***
(Gal. 5:14; Rom. 13:8-10; cf. Matt. 22:40; Gal. 6:2)