



Commandment-Keeping

1 Corinthians 7:19

Proper Attitudes Toward Commandments

- Our attitude toward God's commands should be like...
 - Moses, appreciating their good – Deut. 6:24
 - David, praising God for their faithfulness, truth, and righteousness – Psa. 119:86, 151, 172
 - Paul, recognizing their loftiness – Rom. 7:12
- We should not see commandment-keeping as legalism—earning our salvation.
 - Sinners can't earn their salvation – Ti. 3:3-5, 7
 - We can't swing to the other extreme and make keeping God's commandments unnecessary.

Keeping God's Commandments is Faith Working Through Love

- Consider what matters to God – 1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:6
- Keeping God's commandments is our faith at work – Jas. 2:17-18
- Commandment-keeping shows our love...
 - For Jesus – Jn. 14:15, 21
 - For God – 1 Jn. 5:3
 - For the brethren – 1 Jn. 5:2
- Keeping God's commandments is proof of our relationship – 1 Jn. 2:4-5

Keeping God's Commandments Helps Us Become A New Creation

- We become a new creation in Christ
 - God's work of redemption is the means of our new life – 2 Cor. 5:17
 - Yet, this new life requires keeping God's commandments – 1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 6:15
- God uses His commandments to help us be His "new creations" in Christ.
 - It is the means of abiding in His love and being filled with joy – Jn. 15:10-11
 - Being a new creation requires putting off earthly ways and taking on godly ones – Col. 3:1-6
 - It requires putting on Christ's characteristics – Col. 3:12-14

Commandment-Keeping Is Not A Burden

- It was not a burden for those who lived this life – Psa. 119:129-130; 1 Jn. 5:3
- The hardest part is *deciding* that we want to do it.
 - We must trust God to guide our life.
 - Those who are “on the fence” will not receive God’s help – Jas. 1:6-8
 - God helps those who are committed – Phil. 4:13; 1 Cor. 10:13; Phil. 2:12-13
 - God will not forsake us – 2 Tim. 4:16-18

Conclusion

- How important is keeping His commandments?
 - If you want mercy, you must – Psa. 103:17-18
 - If you want fellowship, you must – Jn. 14:23
 - If you want your prayers answered, you must – 1 Jn. 3:22
- Will you seek out God and do His commandments?