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What Are the Commandments?

What exactly are the commandments that Christians do not, even cannot obey, which proves they are all liars? (1 Jn 2:4) All Christians who bear the name of any denomination all claim to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord — but they are under a deluding spirit. (2 Cor 11:13-15; as well as verses 3,4) 1 Jn 2:3,4 is how we know we know Him — if we keep His commandments.

Denominations

Jn 15:9,16 — Denominations are a statement that all who participate in them are hating their brothers. 1 Jn 2:9 — No one can love across denominational lines and if one is not loving he cannot know he has eternal life. (1 Jn 3:14-17, and verse 23) No one abides in the light if they are in a denomination — which are sects and divisions in the Body (Gal 5:21). They can have no part in the Kingdom of God, but are excluded with good riddance — Mt 12:25.

1 Jn 2:4,5 is a death blow to the claim of those who live in (sin) denominations — splits — divisions. The blood of Messiah does not and will not cover their lying tongues. 1 Jn 2:6 — How did Christ walk? 1 Jn 3:1-10; 4:17; 1 Pet 2:21. To be in Christ is to be in an undivided body on earth. Jn 17:21-23; 2 Cor 5:15-18; Gal 5:16-26; Rom 8:12-13; Col 3:5-10.

Jn 14:21,23,24 — To obey His commandment to love each and every one of the disciples as Jn 13:34 says makes it obvious to all that by verse 35 those who claim to know Him but are divided from one another are liars — and do not love Him. (Jn 14:5) 1 Jn 2:8 is a new commandment. (Jn 13:34) 1 Jn 2:7-9 — The old commandment of Lev 19:18 is made new in a new covenant — when the Holy Spirit empowers the disciples to love as He loved them. (Jn 15:12; 1 Jn 2:9,11)

Denominationalism is a statement of hate toward all other believers who they have separated from and ignore (the highest form of hatred.) But love is self-sacrificing love (1 Jn 3:14,16,17,23), and no Christian who has ever loved has loved according to the Spirit and the truth, according to the word of God. (1 Jn 2:4; Lev 19:18; Jn 13:34)

How, prey tell, can Christians actually obey Him? (Jn 3:36) The old commandment is under the law, but the new commandment is under grace. Rom 6:14 can no more be obeyed by Christians than by old Israel — for both do not have the Spirit. (Rom 8:7-9) But those who do possess the one Spirit all together drink of one Spirit — 1 Cor 12:13 — and can obey Jn 13:34,35; 17:21-23 and 1 Jn 3:14-23, because they do actually believe in the True One, 1 Jn 5:20 and Jn 5:24. But since all Christians believe in a false one, they are helpless to obey the commandment to love as He loved. This is why there are divisions.

Eph 4:3-16 — Christianity reminds us of Eph 4:17-19. Eph 2:12 says they are still without hope in the world and without God. Titus 3:10,11 — Every denomination was started by such a person, even Martin Luther himself was such a person!

Friends

Jn 15:13 — No one can say that about those whom they are divided from (1 Tim 2:8; 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 2:2-4). They can not be known as one another's friends for whom they would lay their lives down, when they wouldn't even lay down their doctrinal differences to be one as the Father and the Son are one (Jn 17:21).

Jn 15:10,12,13,14 — are those who can claim to be His friends. Those who do not love as He commanded them — Jn 15:17 — are written about in 1 Jn 2:4. Friends are defined as those having the same relationship each to the other. A friend is one allied in a struggle or cause. A friend is one who knows, loves, and trusts. A friend has no dissensions with his friends — 1 Tim

2:8. Friends are not, can not be divided. A friend is explained by Messiah in Jn 15:12,13,14,15. Those written about in Eph 4:2,3 are friends, as are Phil 2:2-4. Friends all walk according to Col 1:10, and all such are Messiah's friends — Mt 10:37,38.