

Ten Commands of Christ with Scriptures and Commentary

1. Repent, Believe, and Confess Jesus is Lord

Scripture: Mark 1:15; John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10

Mark 1:15: "...repent and believe in the gospel."

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Romans 10:9-10: "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

The first time that a person repents, believes, and confesses Christ as Lord, he is saved from hell by the grace of God through faith. This is a secure and sure salvation.

It should become a regular habit that a person repents, believes and confesses Christ often. It is not that one has to get saved again, but that close fellowship with God depends on turning from sin whenever it comes. One must also believe all the time, not just once, in order to experience intimate fellowship with God. We must believe God's promises for many things: enlightenment, inner strength, provision, protection, etc. Confessing Christ as your Lord to others must also become a way of life.

Matthew 10:32 "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven."

Bible story: Jesus and Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-9

2. Pray: Early and Without Ceasing

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13; Mark 1:35; I Thessalonians 5:17

Matthew 6:9-13 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'

Jesus didn't intend for us to repeat this prayer in vain repetition without thinking. This prayer is an outline to guide us in our prayers. First we should pray for the glory and honor of His Name. We should pray fervently for His Kingdom, His reign and rule to come. As we pray through this prayer slowly, and thoughtfully, meditating on the meaning of each phrase, it makes our prayers effective.

Mark 1:35 "In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there."

Jesus habitually got up while it was still dark and prayed. Prayer should be first each morning, starting the minute you wake up. Prayer is the most important thing, so do it first. In 1 Thes 5:17, Paul taught us to never stop praying. We can pray while we walk, while we work, while we eat, even while we talk to others. Bring conversation with God into every minute of your life.

3. Eat God's Word: Spend time daily reading or listening to the Bible.

Scripture: Matthew 4:4; 1 Peter 2:2; Acts 17:11; Psalm 1; Joshua 1:8;

Matthew 4:4 "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

God's word is our spiritual food. If we don't eat physical food, our bodies become weak. If we don't meditate on God's word, our spirits become weak.

1 Peter 2:2 "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby..."

Babies need milk several times a day, every day. So also to keep our spirit's strong and growing, we need to meditate on God's word through out every day. The best way is to memorize verses from the Bible, think about them all day, and share them with others.

Psalm 1:1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. ²But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. ³They are like trees planted along the riverbank bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither and they prosper in all they do.

Bible Story: Mary's example - Luke 10:38-42

4. Be Filled with the Spirit Repeatedly and Continuously

Scripture: John 20:22; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 1:8;

Paul's example - Acts 9:17; 13:9

Peter's example - Acts 2:4; 4:8

Jesus' temptation - Luke 4:1-13

John 20:22 Then Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

Eph 5:18 "...be filled with the Spirit."

In Greek, the original language of the New Testament, the verb “be filled” is in the present continuous tense, and it means to be filled not just once, but repeatedly or continuously. To be filled we first must confess our sins to God. Only then when we are empty of sin, can God fill us with His Spirit. We receive His filling by faith, by asking Him to fill us. The manifestation of that filling will differ, but His power will be in you to speak or do His will. The apostle Paul was filled with the Spirit in Acts 9:17 and filled again in Acts 13:9. Peter was filled in Acts 2:4 and filled again in Acts 4:8. Each time the power was for a different ministry need. You can be filled with the Spirit right now. Just confess your sins and ask God to fill you.

5. Love: Love God and Love People as Christ Loves Them

Scripture: Mat 22:37-39; John 13:34, I Cor 13:1-8

Mat 22:37-39 ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’³⁸“This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹“The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Loving God is the most important thing in life. You can do many good things, but if you don’t love God, you have failed. We love Him because He first loved us. Pray to understand how much God loves you, so you in turn will love Him with all your heart. His love for you is higher, wider, deeper and longer than you will ever fully know. The proof of His love is He gave His Son, Jesus, to die for you so you could be saved. As God loves you, so you must love all people. Loving God and loving people is the proof that God lives in you!

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 describes what true love is.

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37

6. Sin No More

Scripture: John 5:14; 8:11; Mat 4:4,7,10; Eph 6:10-18; James 4:7; Rom 6:7; The sin of Achan, Joshua 7

Twice Jesus said, “Sin no more”. We can resist temptation by using the Sword of the Spirit and the Shield of Faith like Jesus did when the devil tempted Him in Mat 4:7,10. We can speak God’s word back to Satan and he will flee.

James 4:7 “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Rom 6:7 teaches because we died with Christ we are free from bondage to sin.

7. Go Make Disciples

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; Jn 20:21; Acts 1:8

Matthew 28:19-20 ...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’

Practical steps: write your testimony and tell it to everyone who will listen. Learn to share the gospel and tell everyone about Jesus. Start your own T4T Training for Trainers groups, and teach believers to tell their testimonies and the gospel. Teach the 10 Commands of Christ, and train as many believers as you can to live a life of WIN BUILD TRAIN SEND.

Bible Story: The seed Mark 4:26-29

8. Baptize Immediately

Scripture: Mat 28:19; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:35-38;10:47-48;16:14-15, 31-33

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,"

Acts 2:41 "So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls." - 3000 believed, 3000 were baptized the same day.

Acts 8:35-38 "he preached Jesus to him. ³⁶As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁷And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him."

The only qualification for baptism is believing with all his heart. Philip baptized him that very hour. Was Philip right or wrong? We should do the same.

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message... ⁴⁷"Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" ⁴⁸And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 16:14-15 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. ¹⁵And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." Lydia and her household were also baptized the same day they put their trust in Jesus.

Acts 16:30-33 "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. ³³And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household."

They didn't even wait until daylight to baptize him! In a idol worshipping culture it is necessary to explain that true repentance includes turning from other gods and idols. Only after a person commits to turn from other gods and idols should me be baptized.

9. Give

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46; I Peter 4:9; Rom 12:13; Malachi 3:10,11;

Jesus teaches us to live a generous life by helping people in crisis. This is the mark of a true Christian, as shown in Mt. 25 in that those who do it go to heaven, those who don't to hell.

I Peter 4:9 “Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”

Romans 12:13 “contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.”

Every Christian should give to meet the needs of each other, and to take people with crisis needs in for meals or lodging. By giving like this the world will know we are Jesus' disciples.

Malachi 3:10,11 “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. ¹¹“Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,” says the LORD of hosts.”

This is God's promise of blessing and protection to those who tithe faithfully.

Bible story: The widow's gift, Luke 21:1-4

10. Break Bread Together

Scripture: Luke 22:17-20; Acts 2:42-47; I Corinthians 11:23-34; Acts 20:7; Hebrews 3:12-14; Hebrews 10:24-25; I Corinthians 14:26.

Luke 22:19-20 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁰And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”

I Corinthians 11:23 “...the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.”

The first Christians partook of the Lord's Supper every day, then once a week. Partaking of the bread and cup are commanded by our Lord Jesus as the way to remember His death for our sins. Since we must examine ourselves before breaking bread, this purifies us and deepens our appreciation for His suffering for us. You can do it often, wherever two or three are gathered in His Name.