

Ps. 119 : 146: "Save me, that I may keep Thy testimonies" (margin).

Ps. 119 : 32: "I will run the way of Thy commandments, when Thou shalt enlarge my heart."

Ezek. 36 : 26, 27: "A new heart will I give you, and I will cause you to walk in My statutes."

John 14 : 15: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments."

Rom. 8 : 1-3: "What the Law could not do . . . That the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us."

Eph. 2 : 8, 9, 10: "By grace are ye saved. Not of works. Created in Christ Jesus unto good works."

According to the Bible, obedience is not the means of salvation, but the evidence of salvation. It is not the root, but the fruit of salvation. We are not saved by obedience—we are saved in order that we may obey. To teach any other gospel is to put the cart before the horse!

2.—WERE THE COMMANDMENTS GIVEN ONLY FOR THE JEWS, OR FOR ALL MEN IN EVERY AGE?

Gen. 26 : 5: "Abraham kept My commandments."

Ecc. 12 : 13: "Fear God, and keep His commandments . . . the whole duty of man."

Matt. 19 : 17: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

Rom. 3 : 31: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea we establish the law."

James 2 : 8-10: "He that shall offend in one point is guilty of all."

3.—DID JESUS CHANGE OR ABOLISH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

Matt. 5 : 17-19: "I am not come to destroy. One jot or one tittle shall not pass from the law."

John 15 : 10: "I have kept My Father's commandments."

By His example of lifelong obedience and by His death on the cross, Jesus reinforced the unchangeableness and permanent authority of the Ten Commandments. The fact that He died to pay the penalty for man's sin is conclusive proof that the Divine Law could not be abolished, relaxed, or changed!

4.—WILL THE DAY EVER COME WHEN EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD WILL LOVE AND KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS?

Not before Jesus comes. But afterwards—yes!

Rev. 22 : 14: "Blessed are they that do His commandments."

Matt. 6 : 19, 20: "Thieves will not break through nor steal."

II Pet. 3 : 13: "A new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Isa. 65 : 25: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain."

5.—HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE OF A PLACE IN THAT SAFE AND HAPPY WORLD?

Heb. 10 : 15-17: The New Covenant. "I will put My law in their minds, and write it in their hearts."

Eph. 3 : 16, 17: "Strengthened with might by His Spirit."

Phil. 4 : 13: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

Conclusion Gal. 2 : 20: Christ liveth in me.

When Jesus truly lives in us today, what kind of life will He live?

A commandment-keeping, or a commandment-breaking life?

There is only one rational answer. His life in us today will be manifested by the same joyous and eager obedience which He manifested during His earthly life (Ps. 40 : 7, 8). Our commandment-keeping is simply the overflow of His life within us!