

Commandments to Christians from the Bible.

Judaism traditionally has **613 commandments (mitzvot)** found in the Torah, comprising 248 positive commands and 365 prohibitions, though many are no longer applicable today without the Jerusalem Temple, leaving about 369 currently observable, with variations depending on location (like Israel) and rabbinic interpretation. These rules, part of Jewish law (Halakha), guide daily life, worship, diet, and ethics, extending beyond the 10 Commandments. (from Google AI)

What laws and rules must we do to receive salvation and how do we keep it?

There are **NO commandments**.

Jesus of Nazareth has done everything to enable us to **FREELY ask and receive Salvation**.

There is nothing more we need to add to what He has already done.

But there are 2 things we need to do to initially gain our Salvation.

If there was nothing, then we may as well be saved at birth.

Acts 2:38 says “Repent and be Baptised.”

We need to admit that there have been times where we have missed the mark. Done wrong.

Let sin (doing something you know not to do) get between us and God.

Removing that barrier between us and God (and our Heavenly citizenship) past, present and in the future should be our motivation.

Shaking off the past and letting Jesus cleanse us as we leave our past ways and restart anew, learning to be like Jesus, pleasing the Father and doing good to mankind on His behalf.

*Rom 10: 9-10 says that we must **Believe in our heart** that God raised Jesus from the dead , and **confess (with our mouth) Jesus (the Man) as Lord** .*

Jesus is the way truth and life. The doorway to the Father.

His life and death purchased Forgiveness, removing the barrier, for ALL who give permission for Him to do that, and to come into our lives to help us become the masterpiece, God the Father planned for us.

You ask your Dad for some lollies from the shop. He says here is the money for it, if you still want it, go and get it from the shop .

When you get there, you must give the shop owner the money to get the lollies.

To you, the prize is free but there is a “must do” to get hold of it.

We are initially, completely forgiven.

Pardoned! Justified. (just as if I'd never sinned). Made righteous in His sight thru the righteousness of Jesus. Not self-righteousness as our best without Jesus' true Righteousness, is “as filthy rags” *Isaiah 64:6*.

Sanctified. Cleansed. Set apart as Holy.

Fellowship with God-head restored.

From there we need to build our relationship with the Father, who is God, Jesus our Lord, Saviour and Brother along with the Holy Spirit, our Friend and Guide who leads us into all truth. *Matt 25*

Jesus said ALL the Law and Prophets can be summed up in just 2 commands. *Matt 22: 35-40*

In one word, Relationship.

By spending TIME in His Word (promises we can Trust) and prayer (asking and giving permission), with an attitude of gratefulness and expectation, with respect and adoration, YOU WILL receive and learn to Hear their voices and leadings.

We can and will miss it by putting ourselves first at the expense of our relationship with God and each other.

We should **never** believe that we can hide anything from God.

Whatever it is must not be hidden (in the darkness) but be **exposed by confessing** how we behaved.

Being open and honest also keeps us humble before Him (teachable) and also gives us automatic

forgiveness and pardon. We don't need to ask to be forgiven, we are, but can choose to be away (out of fellowship) from Him, by these actions.

BUT! If we have harmed our relationship with each other, we must apologise, acknowledging our faults, and seeking their forgiveness, get right with them. It is against them, if they refuse.

Matt 18:15-17 If someone hurts you enough for you to hold the offence against them, before you expect an apology, make sure they know what they have done to you.

1 Pet 4:8 says that **Love covers a multitude of sin**. Why not let it be water off a duck's back.

Great advice. Whatever you choose to do, do not leave them on YOUR HOOK.

Matt 18:21-22 records Peter asking Jesus how many times he should forgive someone, suggesting "seven times," to which Jesus famously replies, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times" (or "seventy times seven," depending on translation), emphasising that forgiveness should be unlimited, not a set number, following the parable of the unforgiving servant.

Again, Luke 17:3-4 If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

Read Rom 12:19 Num 14:18

SO, the **Father's forgiveness is automatic**, if you are open and honest and expose the wrongdoing by letting Him know what you did (confession).

BUT between you and others requires actions from both parties.

The offender needs to (be sorry and) ASK for forgiveness.

To retain harmony and rightstanding in God's sight.

The offended party needs to freely give it, as God has to us.

This is an **expectation with a cost if not done**.

What cost?

Matt 6:14-15 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if **you do not forgive others their sins**, your **Father will not forgive your sins**.

SO (again), what happens if you are not forgiven? Isn't that where you were before salvation?

I believe there are no commandments to receive salvation, but there are to keep it. Obviously here.

Another biggy?

Matt 7:21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Only those who actually **do the will of my Father** in Heaven will enter.

Now please, don't switch off as there is more encouragement, a list of some "**expectations**", and exposing where **disobedience** takes you, to come.

So Salvation is the main thing! Like, if you only do one thing in your whole life, getting right with God who made you on purpose for a purpose, is it.

In simple terms, Yes. Almost.

Finding God thru Jesus and learning to trust Him and even idolise Him, appreciate Him, see Him in awe.

Spending time and developing a sharing relationship. Like Father & "Son".

Can I say, be able to worship Him as your own idea?

That's the main thing.

But, it **doesn't stop at Salvation**, it is only the beginning of your adventure.

We need to mature and also be purified from contaminating beliefs.

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

We need to find the truth (all the facts making up a 'jigsaw' piece) and gain the understanding of the truth (seeing where this piece fits in with the whole picture) and asking for the Wisdom on how to use it.

Truth always wins over a lie. Light always removes the darkness. There *will be* changes, or should be.

The only tangible thing God left with us is His Word. The scriptures. But, just ink on paper.

Understanding comes from spending time with the Father. The wise virgins of Matt 25.

They were secure in their relationship and their understanding that came from it.

At Salvation, we give our lives (hearts) in trust and submission (permission) to the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Spirit who has always been with you (on the outer) is now with your spirit within you as a deposit for the Zoe life to come.

This permission allows the Holy Spirit to, as a guide, lead you into all truth.

You need to find time to Read the Word.

Pray always, which is asking and therefore giving permission. He does not force anything on you.

Because we do not know what is ahead, because we don't know all the steps for what we ask for, we need to pray "in the Spirit" by the Holy Spirit.

He will include all the prayers (requests) for you, and others.

Find someone to lead you into it if you have difficulty, as I did. Took me a year to bypass my head.

Set your phone alarm to remind you.

Use wasted time, like when showering, driving, reading, watching tv, listening to music.

It doesn't need to be loud.

The only time Paul exalted himself was **1 Cor 14:18**, where he states,

"I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all".

But again we see that familiar direction.

Mark 11:25 "And when you stand praying, **if you hold anything** against anyone, **forgive them**, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins"

James 5:16 Therefore **confess your sins to each other** and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

The expectation of confessing our wrongs, receiving forgiveness and keeping fellowship and unity.
Forgiving each other appears more than an expectation.

I believe not doing it counts as disobedience.

He is not looking for lip service.

Matt 7 21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who **does the will of My Father** who is in heaven *will enter*. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE **LAWLESSNESS**.' (same thing different name)

Hello.

Ephesians 4

11 And His gifts to the Church were varied.....

Intentions

12... and He did this to fully equip *and* perfect the Saints (God's people)
for works of service,
to build up the body of Christ until we all reach oneness in the faith
and in the knowledge of the Son of God,
growing spiritually to become a mature believer,
reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ
manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our spiritual gifts in unity
So that we are no longer children [spiritually immature], not easily deceived.
speaking the Truth in Love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth],

Behaviour

17... a. you must no longer live as the [unbelieving] Gentiles live, in the futility of their mind
[and in the foolishness and emptiness of their souls],
b. do not have a darkened [moral] understanding, a clouded reasoning being alienated *and*
self- banished from the life of God with no share in it;
because of the [willful] ignorance *and* spiritual blindness
because of the hardness *and* insensitivity of their heart.
in spiritual apathy having become callous *and* unfeeling,
having given over [as prey] to unbridled sensuality,
eagerly craving the practice of every kind of impurity [that their desires may demand].
22... c. put off your old self [completely discard your former nature],
which is being corrupted through deceitful desires,
be *continually* renewed in the spirit of your mind, a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude
d. put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike]
in righteousness and holiness
rejecting all falsehood, whether lying, defrauding, telling half-truths, spreading rumours,
SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE WITH HIS NEIGHBOUR, for we are all parts of one another
26... e. be ANGRY [at sin—at immorality, at injustice, at ungodly behaviour], YET DO NOT SIN;
do not let your anger [cause you shame, nor allow it to] last until the sun goes down.
do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger,
or harbouring resentment, or cultivating bitterness]
28... f. the thief [who has become a believer] must no longer steal, but instead he must work hard

[making an honest living], so that he will have *something* to share with those in need.

29... g. do not let unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] words ever come out of your mouth,

30... h. do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [but seek to please Him]

31... I. banish all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour
 [perpetual animosity, resentment, strife, fault-finding] and slander
 and every kind of malice [all spitefulness, verbal abuse, malevolence].

32... j. Be kind *and* helpful to one another, tender-hearted [compassionate, understanding]
 forgiving one another [readily and freely],

Ephesians 5.

2.... k. walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Esteem each other.

3.... l. there must not be a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed among you
 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are not fitting for holiness,
You can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those
who are disobedient and rebellious.
 Therefore do not be partners with them.
 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

11.. m. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.
It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

He died to purchase our freedom, from the curse of sin in our blood from our forefathers,
 which condemns us to exclusion from our rightful position in God, and then spiritual death.
 Since Jesus went to the cross, we have a choice. You don't have to choose to be saved.
 Freedom to choose to be saved and enjoy eternal life with Him, thru His grace and forgiveness.

A FREE GIFT, not earned.

We need to share in what He has done.

He died to give you a chance at True Life.

We should die to selves.

Put God and others first.

Sacrifice our spiritual "legal" right to hold someone to their offence, for the sake of the Kingdom,
 pleasing our Father God, by releasing them, thru forgiveness, into His hands that His Will for you and
 them not be hindered. *Pardonning them is a supernatural sacrifice*, as it goes against our natural "grain".

Well, we are at the pointy end.

We don't have to have a bath first, before we have a cleansing bath, when we trust Jesus with our life.

Come as you are.

Let God make you safe first, then restore positionally who you are in His sight, then start the journey.

FREE. No fine print.

He cannot be deceived. He knows that if you really repent and turn from your old lifestyle, that there will
 be changes, improvements, FRUIT.

There are expectations of moving away from the old you and bad habits, bad acquaintances, bad ideas,
 bad beliefs, ignorance, selfishness, (you get the point), and becoming the opposite, a "son" who wants
 to please his Dad and appreciate the magnitude of what Jesus has done, for you and I.

BUT!!!

The common thread that will get you to your destination, is **Forgiveness**.

Forgiveness is expected and demanded.

Yes, I have called it. A **command** (demand), for your benefit.

If you **trust God and do His will** (His Word) you will be safe and you will have fulfilled His **expectation**.
 If you **choose not to** you will be in **disobedience**.

It is written that "the love of money is the root of all *kinds* of evil".

Lucifer (the devil) was the archangel in charge of worship. God was very pleased with him.

But pride came in and he thought that he should be god.

That he should do what he wants (as God), not serve and do what (the real) God wants.

He and the angels on his team, that thought likewise, were expelled from Heaven (where the Spirit of God
 dwells) to??? the physical realm, which didn't exist then, until it was Created, home away from home.

We were then added and finished up with the same choice, please self or please (trust) God. Disobedience sounds so minor. We all probably do it several times a day.

You can tell that we have moved away from focus on forgiveness to a greater deception.

We can see that not trusting and doing God's Word is DISOBEDIENCE.

You have a choice, to be in or out.

Out is no Godly future except complete death.

In is doing it God's way, with the promise of eternal life with Him.

So I am talking to those who chose IN.

You did not choose to have Eternal Life and keep doing what YOU want (in **DEFIANCE** of God)

1 Samuel 15:23 is a pivotal Bible verse where the prophet Samuel tells King Saul that **REBELLION**

is like **WITCHCRAFT**, and **STUBBORNESS** is like **IDOLATRY**, because Saul rejected God's word, leading God to reject him as king.

This verse highlights that obedience to God's voice is far more valuable than sacrifices or offerings, a lesson Saul learned after disobeying God's command to utterly destroy the Amalekites.

Notice all the highlighted words?

They are the names of Evil spirits that not only encourage these attitudes in us, but live it out with us.

Disobedience (thru putting self first), the root of all evil.

The problem is that they don't want to leave you, and along the way grab other "klingons" as they get you into more trouble.

This message is about the **benefits of Obedience**, by highlighting the costs of not trusting God with your life, but more, not doing what He says. Agreement and Action, with permission = Answer.

Rebellion = Witchcraft/Divination

Deliberate defiance of God is equated to seeking forbidden spiritual guidance, a grave sin

Stubbornness/Arrogance/Self = Idolatry

Insisting on one's own will over God's command is akin to worshipping false gods.

Rejection of God's Word

Saul's disobedience (keeping the best livestock for sacrifice instead of destroying them as commanded) showed he valued his own judgement over God's, leading to his rejection as king.

To summarise, the enemy wants you to reject God's Authority and setup your own reality with them.

There will be **CONTROL, MANIPULATION, 'SELF' RULE** and many others.

But, remember, the dark side has been defeated, in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

We allow these fear merchants, liars and deceivers to trick us into giving them permission in our lives.

Human reasoning doesn't cut it!

The Good thing is, that because of what Jesus of Nazareth did, you actually get to CHOOSE.

All the things that happened to Jesus at the end, are His "sufferings".

Bad things to a "good", Holy, sinless human being.

But what did He achieve?

FORGIVENESS.

Forgiveness is a sacrifice, with Trust and Obedience in the one and only TRUE GOD.

THE GREAT I AM.