

What Does the Lord Require?

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LOYALTY

“And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’” (Gen. 2:16-17 NRSVue).

LOYALTY

“This shall be a statute to you forever: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, **you shall humble yourselves and shall do no work**, neither the native-born nor the alien who resides among you. For on this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before the LORD” (Lev 16:29-30).

RELATIONSHIP

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (1 John 5:12).

BELIEVE

- “Then the spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah . . . He said . . . Thus says the LORD to you: Do not fear or be dismayed at this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God’s.” (2 Chr. 20:14-15).
- “They rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa, and as they went out Jehoshaphat stood and said, ‘Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God and you will be established; believe his prophets and you will succeed.’” (2 Chr. 20:20).

BELIEVE

“Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They answered, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’” (Acts 16:30-31).

BELIEVE

“Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:10-13; compare John 3:16).

BELIEVE

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.” (Eph. 2:8-10).

JUSTICE AND MERCY

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.” (Exod. 34:6-7).

JUSTICE, MERCY, HUMILITY

“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”
(Mic. 6:6-8).

HUMILITY

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, **he humbled himself** and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (Philipp. 2:5-8).

LOVE

Whoever does not love does not know God, for **God is love.** So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. **God is love,** and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. (1 John 4:8, 16).

LOVE

- “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” (John 14:15).
- “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35).

LOVE

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matt. 22:36-40, quoting Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:5; see also Lev. 19:34—“you shall love the immigrant as yourself”).

LOVE

“Owe no one anything, except to **love one another**, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Rom. 13:8-10).

Love

Love

Love
God

Love
Humans

1. Treat God
as the Only
deity

2. Worship
God as
Transcendent

3. Respect
God's Name

4. Keep God's
Sabbath

5. Honor
Parents

6. Guard
against murder

7. Preserve
Marriage
Boundaries

8. Preserve
property of
others

9. Be Truthful
in Court

10. Be
Content With
What You
Have

FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.” (Gal. 5:6).

HOLINESS

- “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: **You shall be holy**, for I the LORD your God am holy.” (Lev 19:2; see also 11:44-45; 20:26).
- “Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, **be holy yourselves in all your conduct**, for it is written, “**You shall be holy**, for I am holy.” (1 Pet. 1:14-16).

SANCTIFICATION = GROWTH IN LOVE

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.” (1 Thess. 3:12-13).

LOVE FROM HOLY SPIRIT

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” (Rom. 5:5).

TRANSFORMATION BY SPIRIT

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **he saved us**, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but **according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior**, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:4-7).

TOTAL COMMITMENT

- “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.” (Gen. 17:1).
- “But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me wholeheartedly, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it” (Num 14:24).

TOTAL COMMITMENT

“As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, **what must I do to inherit eternal life?**” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **You know the commandments:** ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, **I have kept all these** since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “**You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.**” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.” (Mark 10:17-22).

COMMANDMENTS, FAITH OF JESUS

“Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.” (Rev. 14:12).

MISSION

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:19-20).

BOTTOM LINE

THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TOTALLY COMMIT AND SHOW THEIR COMMITMENT IN THIS LIFE TO:

1. Accept God's gift of forgiveness and eternal life through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ

2. Accept God's gift of transformation through the Holy Spirit

3. Live by God's principle of unselfish love

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