

Sermon Notes 05.07.2023 The Commands of Jesus – An Invitation to Know Him Intimately

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "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, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We have now considered and tried to embrace 21 commands of Jesus.

It's a good moment to remind ourselves – It's not about the commands – It's about Jesus.

Learning Someone's Ways is Powerful.

Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. **9** The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalms 15:1-3 A Psalm of David. O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? **2** He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart. **3** He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

Learning to Observe All Jesus Commanded Us is an Opportunity to Walk as He Walked and Know Him

1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Jesus – It's About Knowing Jesus

Those Who Were Close to God Deeply Desired to Know God's Ways – "Show me your ways"

Exodus 33:13 "Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people."

Psalms 103:7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

Psalms 25:4-5 Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. **5** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

Psalms 16:7-11 I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night. **8** I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. **9** Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. **10** For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. **11** You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalms 86:11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Psalms 143:10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Jesus Isn't Bringing Us Under a New Law – He is Teaching Us His Ways

The Priceless Treasure of Knowing Him

Philippians 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, **9** and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, **10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

We Can Know that We Know Him

1 John 2:3-6 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; **5** but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: **6** the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Receiving Understanding So that We May Know Him – It is a Gift Received in a Relationship

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

We Are Invited to a Turn Many Times – Again and Again to Choose to Love and Serve Jesus

John 12:25-26 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. **26** "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

The Lord's Table