

JOHN 14 vs 15

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On the night Jesus was betrayed... we read:

¹⁵ **If you love Me, keep** / the word is: **tereo**; it means... **guard, to protect**. Jesus uses this word 12 times in the next few chapters. This is what Moses said regarding the great 10 instructions given by God as they prepared to enter the land promised to Abraham, the father of faith. Sadly, over the last 2,000 years, many who claim to be His church guard neither His words... nor His commands... preferring their traditions... usually done to be seen by others.

Jesus said...

If you love Me, keep My commandments / and what are those instructions? Well, Moses told us about them: **all perfectly good things to daily remind ourselves and others to keep and do**; conveniently, we can even count them on our 2 hands; the Lord God said: **1.** Do not have any gods before Me. **2.** Do not make graven images of things in heaven, on earth or in the sea... and attribute some power to them, then bow down and worship your work. **3.** Do not speak the Lord's name casually, trivially. **4.** Keep the Sabbath; keep it sacred. The Lord added: it is a mark on your hand and between your eyes (in your mind); **it is a mark of His people since Creation**.

The Sabbath is from sundown to sundown – modern Friday evening to Saturday evening. It was the church at Laodicea, who makes the Lord want to vomit... they got the harebrained idea in 336AD to change to the day of the Sun. **5.** Honor your father and mother, so you prolong your days on earth. **6.** Do not murder. **7.** Do not adulterate. **8.** Do not steal. **9.** Do not falsely accuse your neighbor. And: **10.** Do not covet anything that is your neighbors -- from the wife and workers, to their land and things. That's it, **no more!**

Jesus summarizing the great 10 said...

1. Love God the Father with our whole being – above anything else; and **2.** As Jesus loved us, **love one another**. That's it and no more! No other ceremonial or religious instructions to worry about. And notice in this very imperfect world, Jesus did not mention the word **perfect** once. **He said keep and do.**

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

¹⁶ **And I will pray the Father,**

and He will give you another Comforter / another Advocate... just like Jesus,

that He may make a home with you forever;



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17 Even **the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive,

because the world does not see **Him**, or know **Him**: but you know **Him**;

for **He** makes a home with you, and will be in you.

18 I will **not** leave you like orphans; / but through the Spirit, in the place where love, and joy, and peace should reign:

I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world will see Me no more; but you see Me: because I live, you will live also.

20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you.

21 He who has My commandments, and **keeps them** / who guards them; written on hands and hearts, **he it is who loves Me**: and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will show Myself to him / even in the 21st century.

22 Jude (not Iscariot)...the young, half-brother of Jesus... asked Him, Lord, how will You show Yourself to us, and **not** to the world?

23 Jesus answered and said to him, If someone loves Me, he will **keep My words** / man or woman... he will guard, to protect My words:

and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make our mansion with him / our home, it is the same word used earlier; that is who My Father loves; that's where We will stay.

24 **He who does not love Me...**

does not keep My sayings / he does not guard, to protect what I said:

and the word that you hear is not Mine,

but the Father's who sent Me / which makes you wonder why some call these words: **dead**. Stephen, the first to give his life for the Lord Jesus... called them: **living words**.

25 This I spoke to you, making My home with you.

26 But the **Helper** / your Advocate, who is the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send representing Me,

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He will teach you all things, and bring to your memory, all I said to you / it certainly sounds like the Lord Jesus wants his students to remember what He said, and both He and His Father have planned ahead, doesn't it?

²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you:

not as the world gives, I give to you.

And for a second time, Jesus, our great Pastor of our souls says...

Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

²⁸ You heard how I said to you, I go away, and I will come again to you. If you love Me, you would rejoice, because I say, I go to the Father, for My Father is greater than I / so we can well imagine; He's a good Guy, also!

²⁹ And now I told you before it happens, that when it happens, you would believe / the word is: **pisteo**: Because without faith we are powerless to please God; and Jesus was in a hurry as the evening events of this 1st Day of the Lord started to unfold; and His reason for coming had arrived. Jesus said:

³⁰ From now on, I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world comes / the accuser of our soul comes, the old serpent; that big mouth roaring lion... the devil had intensified his dirty tricks, attempting to hinder Jesus from going to the cross, eternity's greatest loser was busy to obstruct.

and has nothing in Me / Satan has nothing in common with Jesus; that father of lies – a total failure... comes only to steal and destroy... and take as many with him to his eternal hellish destiny; he has no power over Jesus, and holds no interest or concern for Jesus, as Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem.

The Eternal Son had come to crush the Serpent's head; and Jesus knew He would be bruised in His heel while accomplishing this work. But you know, a bruise heel wins over a smashed head, doesn't it?! That night, Jesus knew... that old devil was more like a haggard, used up burlesque queen, who just didn't know when to call it quits... and get off the stage! For Jesus, victory was certain!

Why this challenging contest?

³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father;

and as the Father gave Me instructions, even so I do.

Arise, let us go from here.

The Love of God | Salvation is Your Name | The Man of Sorrows |
His sheep hear His voice and follow Him | Every Praise