

Commandments from Jesus

As I was studying it occurred to me to wonder just what the direct commandments of Jesus were. We get so wrapped up in the Pauline epistles, as we should, that we ignore the direct commands of Jesus to our peril. We all know the main commandments but there are several others scattered through the gospels.

JOHN

14 vs 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

14 vs 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

14 vs 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

15 vs 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

15 vs 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

That's six "reminders" just in the Gospel of John

MARK

12 vs 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

16 vs 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

So, in Mark we have the main commandments which most of us have committed to memory.

Luke

But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

With the "good Samaritan" as the model 37 Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

I believe that Luke 37 might be the one we Baptists ignore the most.

MATTHEW

22 vs 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

28 vs 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

6 vs 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Now, some will say that these were said to the Jews. True, but they are principles uttered directly by our Lord and as such they are certainly principles to live by.

