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# **Christians**

and how

# **Jesus**

calls them to

# Live

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### Topics.

- How, Christians should Live.
- The six commandments concerning mankind.
- · Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount.
- · A wicked and evil person.

### **HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD LIVE**

God holds all who belong to Christ's globally family accountable to only two laws, which are:

1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matt. 22:37).

Jesus said, "This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38).

2. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. (Matt. 22:39-40).

Jesus said, "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the prophets" (Matt. 22:40) and that there is no other commandment greater than these two. (Mark 12:31).

James the half-brother of Jesus wrote:

• **James 2:8:** If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing well.

Concerning God's commandments and law Paul said:

- Galatians 5:14: The whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."
- Romans 13:10: Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

To, "love your neighbour as yourself," means do not deliberately do harm to other humans. No sane person deliberately does things to inflict pain on themselves, loving others as you love yourself is not about feeling some warm and fuzzy emotion towards others, it is about not hurting others as you would not hurt yourself. The thing God hates the most is when we do harm to another person:

- Physically
- Verbally
- Financially
- Sexually
- Emotionally
- Spiritually

The thing God loves the most, is when we do-good to others. It is interesting to notice that the major crime that God points out in Noah's time and one of the main reasons for the flood was because of all the violence in the land.

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- Micah wrote: what the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God. (Micah 6:5-10).
- **Isaiah says:** the LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing. (Isaiah 61:8).
- **Jeremiah said:** those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights in. (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah not only show the law is about doing-good to others and protecting them from harm and hurt, but also clearly show that the spirit under-pinning the Ten Commandments, is love because each of the six commandments concerning mankind protects the innocent from harm.

### THE SIX COMMANDMENTS CONCERNING MANKIND

- 1. Honour your father and mother, means, love and respect them.
- 2. Thou shalt not kill, protects the innocent from harm.
- 3. Thou shalt not commit adultery, protect the sanctity and purity of marriage.
- 4. Thou shalt not steal, protects a person's property.
- 5. Thou shall not bear false witness (this includes lying), protects the innocent from a wrong judgment.
- 6. You shall not covet, meaning, to want something that belongs to someone else. This law protects from many crimes, because a person who covets may be led to break most, or even all other commandments, to gain what they crave after.

The faithful in Christ's global Kingdom understand the following two truths:

- Righteousness that leads to eternal life is a free-gift of God that is imputed to us through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and cannot be earned by self-effort,
- From the love of God dwelling within their heart and displayed on the bloodstained cross of Calvary, they are called to live a lifestyle that honours the Saviour and King they worship, and follow and called to treat others with decency, respect, and honest justice.

### **JESUS FAMOUS SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

The constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency, grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive. This means living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing right to those in the church, and those outside of it. This is the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon," because following these principals is the only way to peace.

### A WICKED AND EVIL PERSON

Based on the commandment, love your neighbour as yourself and the law, it could be said that a wicked and evil person is one who deliberately and consciously denies the existence of God, and deliberately does harm to other humans. Those who do all they can to love God with all their heart, mind, and strength, and love their neighbour as themselves, will hear their Master say:

• Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter-into the joy of your master." (Matt. 25:21).

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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