

THE ONE COMMANDMENTS

The Journey Of Jesus, Part 9

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**Jesus came to introduce
a new covenant, a new command, and a new movement.**

*“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”
Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and
greatest commandment.
And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’
All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
Matthew 22:36-40*

**In the religious world that Jesus lived in, a person could claim to
love God, and yet treat other people poorly. But Jesus
proclaimed a new command to replace the old way.**

**Love for God is best illustrated, demonstrated,
and authenticated by love for _____.**

**Jesus changed the definition of neighbor to:
Anyone, anywhere, with a _____ you can meet.**

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved
you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:34–36*

**Jesus wasn't adding a third great command, but reducing the
two down to one.**

**The gravitational pull of religion is toward rule keeping rather
than relationship building.**

**It is easier to obey _____
than to show _____**

The old covenant question:

"What does the law require?"

Our modern version (but still old covenant):

"What does the Bible require?"

The new covenant question:

"What does love require of me?"

**There's only one New Testament command:
every other imperative is simply an application of the new
command: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

Paul's applications of the new command:

*Be kind and be compassionate to one another; forgiving each
other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32*

*Love is patient, love is kind... it does not dishonor others...
1 Corinthians 13:4*

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as
Christ Jesus:
Philippians 2:5*