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Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service N/A
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class N/A
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Gene Bannister..... Mike Bannister

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Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
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The Ten Commandments Never Saved Anyone

Much is made in religious circles about the Ten Commandments. They are elevated above all else God has said by most people. I have often stated in a facetious manner that most people believe that "if you keep the Ten Commandments, eat all your oatmeal, and brush your teeth, you go to heaven." The majority believes that keeping the Ten Commandments is both essential and sufficient; and, to say otherwise is essentially blasphemous. However, the majority is uninformed about this matter. For example, many have no idea which day the Sabbath actually was. It was not the first day of the week (our Sunday), but the seventh day of the week (our Saturday). Others speak of the "Christian Sabbath," of which there is no such thing in Scripture. This misinformation about the subject is the result of ignorance about what the Bible says and a failure to "*rightly divide*" what the Bible teaches (cf. 2 Tim. 2:15). This results in truth being minimized and trivialized (as nothing else really matters as long as one "keeps the Ten Commandments"). But, what does the Bible reveal?

The Ten Commandments Never Saved Anyone in Moses' Day

Two Old Testament chapters reveal the Ten Commandments. They were given initially at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20:1-17), and then rehearsed to those entering the new land (Deut. 5:1-21). The Old Testament itself reveals that it would yield to a better law (Jer. 31:31-34). It is amazing that most will not accept what the Old Testament says about itself! Hebrews 8:8-12 (as well as other passages) reveals the fulfillment of this matter. Jesus "*fulfilled*" the law of Moses (Matt. 5:17-18). He "*blotted it out*" (Col. 2:14).

If keeping the Ten Commandments was sufficient for the people in Moses' day, what about *circumcision* (Gen. 17:9-14; John 7:22), the *Passover* (Exodus 12:14-17; 24-25), *sacrifices* (Lev. 5:14-19; 7:37-38; Heb. 9:22), and various other laws contained in Moses' covenant? If one merely kept the Ten Commandments, he would have observed none of these. And, while the prescribed sacrifices could not remove sin in actuality (Heb. 10:4), they pointed, by faith, to that ultimate Sacrifice which could (1 Peter 1:18-19). Yet, if one in that day merely kept the Ten Commandments, he would never have offered such. Likewise, in keeping only the Ten Commandments, there is not a single drop of blood to be found. And, "*without shedding of blood is no remission*" (Heb. 9:22); hence, no salvation.

The Ten Commandments Never Saved Anyone In Jesus' Day

The Jews of Jesus' day were divided over which command was the greatest. Jesus was asked about this (Matt. 22:34-36). By His answer, which of the Ten Commandments did He reveal? He gave none of them (Matt. 22:37-38). Jesus added to this conversation "*the second*" greatest command. Which of the Ten Commandments did He give? Again, none (Matt. 22:39). If one could be saved/justified by keeping the Ten Commandments, surely at least one of these ten would have made the top two.

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Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

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Additionally, the man commonly referred to as “the rich young ruler” came to Jesus and asked, “*What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life*” (Matt. 19:16)? When questioned by Jesus it was revealed that this young man had basically kept the Ten Commandments from childhood (Matt. 19:17-20). However, he had not yet done that which would afford him “*eternal life.*” There was something yet missing (Matt. 19:20-21). The point is, if keeping the Ten Commandments was sufficient for salvation in Jesus’ day, this young man would have been saved by so doing. But, he was not.

The Ten Commandments Will Not Save Anyone Today

The Ten Commandments never was intended as a system of salvation, but rather a moral code for a particular people for a particular time (Deut. 5:2-3). The Sabbath Day itself was not even made known until Israel was at Mt. Sinai (Neh. 9:13-14; Deut. 5:1-3).

Heaven revealed that “*all authority*” belongs to Jesus, not to Moses or any other (Matt. 17:1-8; 28:18). His will (the New Testament) became of force (superseding the Old Testament) at His death (Heb. 9:15-17). His will (the New Testament) actually forbids man today from practicing religiously the things found in the Old Testament (cf. Rom. 7:1-6; 10:1-4; Col. 2:14; Gal. 3:24-25; 5:3-4). The latter of the aforementioned verses states that anyone who seeks justification by the law of Moses (which includes the Ten Commandments) is “*fallen from grace*” (Gal. 5:4). The book of Hebrews in its entirety is a treatise directing those who sought spiritual refuge under the law of Moses to turn back to Christ and His law. Among other things, the writer stated: “*Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first [the Old Testament], that he may establish the second [the New Testament]. By the which will [the New Testament] we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*” (Heb. 10:9-10).

In order to be saved, one will have to obey the will of Christ, not the will of Moses (the Ten Commandments).

Conclusion

The Ten Commandments accomplished all that God wanted accomplished. They were perfect for their intended purpose. They were never intended as a system of salvation, even to those to whom they were given initially. Being a part of the law of Moses (the Old Testament) as they were, they were “*taken out of the way*” and “*nailed to the cross*” by Christ (Col. 2:14). Keeping the Ten Commandments will make one a better citizen and likely help him in other ways. But, keeping the Ten Commandments will not save anyone. In order to be saved, one must obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 1:8; 1 Peter 4:17; Heb. 5:9). He must **believe** that Jesus is the Christ (John 8:24), **repent** of his sins (Luke 13:3), **confess** the name of Christ before men (Rom. 10:10), be **baptized** for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and remain **faithful** in his service and obedience to the Lord (Rev. 2:10).

Eddy Gilpin (Seek The Old Paths, Sept. 2021)

“Dodge Trucks are Ram Tough”

Slogans about the toughness of a product are everywhere. Some things in this life are tough, and they do not crumble upon impact. Some things are built to be tough. Other things are tender. Some things are supposed to be easy to mold – to change. God wants your heart to be tender. Life can cause it to become tough. Life can cause it to become hardened.

God wants you to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving. Ephesians 4:32 reads, “*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*” Mark 3:5 is one of the few occasions where the Scriptures describe Jesus as angry. It reads, “*And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts.*”

When we become hard and refuse to listen to God, we also fail to act like God. When we refuse to extend the grace we receive from God, then we lose that grace. Jesus spoke, “*Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain*

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Television

In Search of the Lord’s Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

God’s Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)

Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/

Sept. 12 2 Chronicles 7-9; Psalm 73
Sept. 13 2 Chronicles 10-12; Psalm 74
Sept. 14 2 Chronicles 13-15; Psalm 75
Sept. 15 2 Chronicles 16-18; Psalm 76
Sept. 16 2 Chronicles 19-21; Psalm 77
Sept. 17 2 Chronicles 22-24; Psalm 78
Sept. 18 2 Chronicles 25-27; Psalm 79
Sept. 19 2 Chronicles 28-30; Psalm 80

“*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*”

(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Last week **28** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ There will be a **meeting at 5:00 today** for those interested in being **WBS study helpers**.
- ◆ We plan to **resume our afternoon service at CARE, Inc. in October**. We need four men/couples/families who are willing to go one Sunday a month as a helper (no teaching required). This is great training for families with children.
- ◆ **Covid numbers** are at record highs. We are not changing anything, but please be mindful of personal space and physical contact.

Upcoming Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ September 26—**Cherokee Home for Children** update presentation.
- ◆ October 17-20—**Fall Gospel Meeting** w/ Ross Haffner. *“Teach me about Forgiveness”*

Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ Sept. 25-29—**Ladies’ Day & Gospel Meeting @ 9th & Main** (San Angelo) w/ Matthew Gibson (Wendy Gibson—ladies’ day). *“The Simplicity of Truth”*
- ◆ Oct. 3-6—**Gospel Meeting @ Rising Star** w/ Tom Moore. *“The Church Moving Forward”*
- ◆ Oct. 3-6—**Annual Lubbock Lectureship**. *“A New Heaven and a New Earth”*
- ◆ Oct. 7-9—**Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat**
- ◆ Oct. 10-13—**Gospel Meeting @ Bangs** w/ John Hall

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mercy” (Matt. 5:7). The opposite is also true; unhappy is the unmerciful, for they shall not obtain mercy.

Jesus further declared, “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses” (Mark 11:25-26).

We are to see others’ needs and have compassion. We are to look at others’ pains and feel for them. We are to *“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Rom. 12:15).* As you examine your heart and your life, are you tenderhearted?

Aaron Cozort (Gospel Gazette Online, Sept. 2021)

Celebrate

“Rejoice with those who rejoice...” (Romans 12:15)

Records

	Aug. 29, 2021	Sept. 5, 2021
Bible Class	39	28
AM Worship	44 + [12]	35 + [11]
PM Worship	29 + [8]	30 + [9]
Wednesday PM	27 + [5]	31 + [8]
Contribution	\$1,940	\$1,365



Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work," (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 9/12/21	Next Week: 9/19/21		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	September 2021 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Wilcox Clean Building: Fuller October 2021 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Bannister Clean Building: Reed	
Greeters	_____	_____		
Opening Prayer	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum		
Communion	James Fuller*, John Barnum Randy Huckaby, Ryan Settles	Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell Kyle Duaine, Daniel Edwards		
Closing Prayer	Dex Dennard	Dex Dennard		
Attendance Cards	_____	_____		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Chase Churchwell	James Fuller		
Scripture Reading	_____	_____		
Communion	James Fuller	Ken Maninger		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	Randy Huckaby		
Wednesday Devotionals:	September 15 Johnny McCaghren	September 22 Don Smith	September 29 Prayer Night	October 6 Video Night

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday Class 2 Corinthians: Introduction
 Wed. Class Leviticus 25:23

<u>Worshipping Regularly</u> (Leviticus 23)	<u>Final Teaching in Galilee: Problems Between Brethren</u> (Mt. 18:15-35)
<p>God called His people Israel to live as a holy nation. To please Him, they were to be cleansed by blood, avoid uncleanness, and worship Him regularly. To make sure they worshiped Him regularly, God prescribed numerous occasions on which the Israelites were to offer sacrifices to Him. As we consider those occasions of worship, let us ask how they relate to the worship God desires today.</p> <p>I. Occasions on which the Israelites Worshipped. ("Worship" refers to an act of reverence offered to the Lord or an occasion on which such acts are offered.)</p> <p>A. Daily.</p> <p>B. Weekly.</p> <p>C. Monthly.</p> <p>D. Yearly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Passover</u> (23:5). 2. <u>Unleavened Bread</u> (23:6-8). 3. <u>First Fruits</u> (or Harvest of Weeks) (23:15-22). 4. <u>Trumpets</u> (23:23-25). 5. <u>Day of Atonement</u> (23:26-32). 6. <u>Booths</u> (or Tabernacles or Ingathering) (23:33-43). <p>E. Special Years: The <i>Sabbatical Year</i> and the <i>Year of Jubilee</i>.</p> <p>F. Summary and Significance.</p> <p>II. What Christians Can Learn From Israel's Worship.</p> <p>A. The Importance of Worshipping Regularly.</p> <p>B. The Meaning and Purpose of Worship.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>As we worship God, we are creating a community distinguished from the rest of the world.</u> 2. <u>Worship is about remembering and learning.</u> 3. <u>Worship is about praising and thanking God.</u> 4. <u>Worship is about giving.</u> 5. <u>Worship is about confessing sins and seeking forgiveness.</u> 6. <u>Worship is about renewing our commitment to God.</u> 7. <u>Worship is about rejoicing.</u> <p>God's people in the Old Testament worshiped Him regularly. How much more should we who are Christians be inclined to worship Him, since we have a greater knowledge about what He has done to bring about our salvation?</p>	<p>I. Discipline and Forgiveness (Mt. 18:15-22).</p> <p>A. The context is still Jesus' dealing with the apostles' question, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Mt. 18:1).</p> <p>B. "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother" (Mt. 18:15).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The phrase "against you" is not in many older manuscripts. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It's absence suggest a broader application than a personal slight. b. Anytime a brother is entangled in sin, each of us has a responsibility to go to him in love. 2. Note the phrase "go and tell him ... between you and him alone." <p>C. "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established" (Mt. 18:16).</p> <p>D. "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector" (Mt. 18:17).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus' use of the word "church" here is noteworthy. 2. Jesus did not specify how we are to "tell it to the church." 3. Note the phrase "if he refused even to hear the church." 4. "Like a heathen and a tax collector" is a figurative way of saying "as though he were not a Christian." <p>E. "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be [shall have been] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be [shall have been] loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven" (Mt. 18:18-19).</p> <p>F. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Mt. 18:20).</p> <p>G. Peter – "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to 7 times?" (Mt. 18:21).</p> <p>H. "I do not say to you, up to 7 times, but up to 70 times 7" (Mt. 18:22).</p> <p>II. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Mt. 18:23-35).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Since God has forgiven us so much, we should be willing to forgive others. B. Our forgiveness by God is based on our forgiveness of others (Lk. 6:37). C. "...forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).