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2 John

Can anyone tell us when Jesus was asked about the first and Great Commandment, and what He said?

Matthew 22: [34](#)But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. [35](#)Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, [36](#)Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus' response:

Matthew 22:[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. [40](#)On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Great Commandment from our Lord is from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 6:5 And ^gthou shalt love the LORD thy God ^hwith all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy ^hmight.

It is a theme repeated through all scripture and as you can see has at its beginning in the Law.

Greeting from the Elder

(3 John 1:1-4)

1The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

There are two trains of thought on who this “lady” is. Some contend that it is a woman named Kirah. The other idea is that due to the hostilities toward Christians that in written communications the disciples would often use code words. So, the thinking goes that John was addressing a local church and the children he is referring to are those who attend that local group. In either case the idea that John is conveying is what he was known for, Love of others.

2For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. 3Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Walking in the Truth

(John 8:31-41)

4I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

Q. What did we just learn is the way we show our love to God?

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

This letter is either to a lady or a local gathering, regardless, John is extolling the virtue of those in the body walking in what we would call “righteousness”, “obedience” which is what God wants from us as Christians. So, if you want God’s Will in your life then walk in obedience and obedience is Loving God with all your heart, mind and soul and loving your neighbor as yourself.

5And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. 6And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

It is not a hard thing to understand, but perhaps due to our warring flesh, harder to carry out; but walking in obedience to God’s Commandments is precisely what God has asked us to do. Of course, what we say with our mouths is important, but more important is what we do with our daily walk with Christ. To show God the Love that He deserves from us for what He has done for us we must strive to not just speak righteously but to walk in righteousness.

Beware of Deceivers

7For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

There are deceivers on every level of our society that have many different goals but one common author: Satan the deceiver.

Genesis 3: 1Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **2**And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **3**But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, **neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.**

The very first sin of lying. If not lying, then Eve certainly misrepresented what God actually said. God may no comment or command about touching the fruit of this tree, He specifically said:

Genesis 2:15 15And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **16**And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **17**But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Continuing with Genesis 3:

Genesis 3:4And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **5**For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **6**And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to

the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. [7](#)And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

It is imperative that Christians have their eyes open, not open to every doctrine that is presented as truth but have our eyes open to only the Doctrine of Truth. It is that wasteland of Satan that is lies that purport to be truth that deceives people. Satan is a master at taking a small lie and inserting it into the Truth of God to make God's Truth seem to say something that it does not.

The eyes of humans that reject God's Truth are actually closed they are not open as Satan would have one believe. For example the evil of this world would have you believe that if you stand on God's Word about any of the abnormal life styles that you are closed minded. That you are blind to the truth of reality. As Christian's our reality is Jesus the Christ and the things of the Spirit that will not compromise the Truth of and about Jesus and God. When the world hears us speak of such things, they think we are small minded, led astray by myths and conjecture. Blinded by the Words of an antiquated book called the Bible. In fact, our eyes are open to the lies that come from Satan and those who reject Christ.

Acts 26:18to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in Me.'

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

There have been those who follow the lust of this world that primary pursuit being POWER. In order to gain power, we have seen many evil leaders of the past get control over a large number of people by one of three methods: education, food or war. Education is perhaps the easiest, least costly but requires at least one generation to carry out. Food is perhaps the quickest and most controllable with war being the final choice of the evil minded due to its cost and vast command and control requirements. History is filled with all three methods and outcomes. The biggest enemy of any attempts at human control is the desire of mankind to be free. However, if you live somewhere that has never had freedom, how would you know? Here in America, we hold freedom in the highest esteem. Many have fought and given their lives for freedom of humanity around the world.

There are major nations right now plotting as to how to overcome the freedom loving Americans by any means necessary. As

always there is an underground, dark world type of enterprise that has always had as its goal the subjugation of humanity. It is becoming more prevalent on almost a daily basis.

God warned us that in the end there would be a One World Government controlled by a very few led by the Anti-Christ. There would be a One World Currency or economy again led by the same Anti-Christ. And finally, there would have to be a One World Religion to quell the masses. The scam would have to be extraordinary to carry out such a deception. Perhaps this is an example of such an attempt to subvert religion to fall into step with the Anti-Christ? Astoundingly it appears that this article was written by a non-believer. I only make that assumption based on his tag line citing his credentials.

https://thefederalist.com/2021/08/06/mark-zuckerberg-is-planting-the-first-church-of-the-metaverse/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=the_federalist_daily_briefing_2021_08_06&utm_term=2021-08-06

[8](#)Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

As Satan continues to rouse his troops and usurp an individual's relationship with Jesus Christ with another false religion John's caution is to look to yourself as evidence of the Good News of Jesus Christ. You can testify as to His presence in your heart and how He has changed and saved you from eternal damnation.

9Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

God through John uses the term "doctrine"

From Strong's Concordance

"Transliteration: didaché

Phonetic Spelling: (did-akh-ay')

Definition: doctrine, teaching

Usage: teaching, doctrine, what is taught."

Doctrine is what is taught as Truth. If the doctrine is false then everything else is in jeopardy of being false as well, so the basic Doctrine of Christ is the corner stone that all the following doctrine is built upon. It is critical that we get this first doctrine correct.

The Doctrine of Christ can be summed up in 1 Corinthians 15

1 Corinthians 15:3For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Those three points of scriptural doctrine are key to the rest of the New Covenant Doctrine.

1. Christ died for our sins
2. He was buried
3. He rose again on the third day

This doctrine is according to the Scriptures; the Bible, the Word of God, which is infallible and Truth.

The declaration by John in:

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Whosoever “transgresseth”

From Strong’s Concordance

Transliteration: menó

Phonetic Spelling: (men'-o)

Definition: to stay, abide, remain

Who does not “abide” or “remain” in this basic doctrine does not have God?

Gnostics of that time promoted the idea that they had knowledge beyond Scripture. That their knowledge was higher than heaven itself. Consider today all of the religions that promote this idea that if you “are a member of this religion” then you have more knowledge and are really the only saved ones.

Q. What is our salvation based on?

1. Christ died for our sins
2. He was buried
3. He rose again on the third day

There is nothing to add that doctrine that supplies a more complete sentence than those three points. Granted, Jesus was born of a Virgin, but that did not save us. Jesus fulfilled prophecy by being born in a manger; that did not save us. What saved us is Christ died for our sins. He was buried, dead without life in His body. He rose again from death to life and to eternal life. That is the doctrine of Christ to which we must cling.

Again, vs 9 tells us:

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As those who perverted the doctrine of Christ into something it was not; Gnostics, the disciples had to step up their warnings to the Church for two reasons.

1. Stay in the basic Doctrine of Christ as was given to the Disciples

2. Do not allow anyone who does not hold to that doctrine into your presence.

10If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed:

I know I have failed in this arena with my cousins who are Mormon. I have often in saying goodbye said, “God bless you”. I think I am in error in doing that based on vs 10.

We know of many manmade religions that in times past used the “shunning” of friends and family that did not adhere to manmade church doctrine. The Old Order Amish still continue that practice.

11For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Final Greetings

12Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

13The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

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