

Questions About Are Commands to Obey in Revelation Same as New Testament Commands?

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The pastor makes strong references to obey the Ten Commandments particularly keeping the Sabbath.

The New Testament is filled with commands. Am I in error to believe that the commands to be obeyed in the Book of Revelation are the commands to be found throughout the New Testament?

I found this link two years ago and used it as a framework to study the Lord's commands.

Answer:

You are not in error at all — in fact, you're seeing something many miss:

The Book of Revelation calls us back not only to the Ten Commandments, but to all the commands of Jesus — and those are found throughout the New Testament.

Let's unpack your reflections and observations in light of Scripture, historic understanding, and the materials you attached (which are very thorough).

1. Is the Book of Revelation Only About the Ten Commandments?

No — Revelation calls believers to **faithfulness to God's law**, but that includes:

- The **Ten Commandments** as the eternal moral foundation (e.g., the Sabbath in Rev. 14:7, "worship Him who made..." points back to Exodus 20:8–11).
- The **commands of Jesus** and the **apostles** throughout the **New Testament** (as your chart outlines beautifully).

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

— *Revelation 14:12*

The phrase “commandments of God” certainly includes the Ten, but it also embraces the fuller teachings of Christ. After all, Jesus said:

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

— *Matthew 28:20*

2. Is It Valid to Use These 1,050 NT Commands as a Study Framework?

Yes. You’re on solid ground. This framework (as seen in the images from Dake’s study notes) is an **excellent tool for spiritual growth**, not because it creates a checklist religion, but because it **reveals the fruit of true discipleship**.

It’s like James says:

“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

— *James 1:22*

And Paul writes:

“All Scripture is given... that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

— *2 Timothy 3:16–17*

So this list you’ve used is not legalism — it’s **spiritual training**. It maps out **what life looks like when we walk in the Spirit** (Gal. 5:16).

3. Is It True That Jesus Made It Simple? Love God and Love Your Neighbor?

Yes — and that’s the key insight that ties everything together.

“On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

— *Matthew 22:40*

All the commands in your list — the “do’s,” the “let us,” the “put away,” the “abide,” the “walk,” the “speak,” the “submit,” the “stand,” and the rest — they are not *burdensome additions*. They are the **fruit** of the two great commandments:

- **Love for God** (first 4 commandments)

- **Love for others** (last 6 commandments)

In short:

Jesus made it simple, not shallow.

Loving God and others produces the many beautiful expressions found in those 1,050 commands.

4. A Balanced Summary

Truth	Explanation
The Ten Commandments are foundational	They reveal God's eternal moral character (Exodus 20)
Jesus expanded and fulfilled them	His teachings show how to live the spirit, not just the letter, of the law
The New Testament is full of commands	These are applications of love for God and people
Revelation calls us back to obedience	Revelation 12:17; 14:12 emphasize keeping God's commandments
True obedience flows from love	Not legalism, but living faith through the Spirit

Final Encouragement

You're not wrong to see Revelation's commands as reaching beyond just the Decalogue — to the full walk of discipleship taught in the New Testament.

You're also not wrong to cling to simplicity:

Love God. Love people. Everything else grows from there.

And when Jesus is in your heart, those 1,050 commands aren't a burden — they're **the natural outflow of a life filled with grace and truth.**