

## The Christian Life – Part 4

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### Introduction

We are talking about the Christian life and crucial/essential aspects of coming to Christ.

- The conviction of sin prepares us for the cure of Christ.
- Sin is essentially the rejection of God.
- The Law is like ten cannons aimed at our self-righteousness.
- The Law is our tutor to lead us to Christ.

**1<sup>st</sup> Commandment:** *You shall have no other gods before Me. – Exodus 20:3*

This commandment is about *entertaining any competitor to God* in your heart and life. Jesus was God in the flesh and they rejected Him. (Mark 8:31) We reject God when we *refuse to trust and obey Him*. (Numbers 11:19-20; 1 Samuel 8:7)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment:** <sup>4</sup> *“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.”* <sup>5</sup> *You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,* <sup>6</sup> *but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. – Exodus 20:4-6*

This commandment is about *misrepresenting God* before our eyes or in our hearts and is really an *expression of hatred* of the true God. Jesus revealed the Father, the one true God, and they hated what they saw! (John 15:24-25) We reject God when we *want Him to be different* than He is (like Jesus). (Luke 19:14)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment:** *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. – Exodus 20:7*

This commandment is about an *attack on God’s character*, either directly or indirectly or passively. Jesus was called insane, a drunkard and a glutton, and a demon. (Luke 7:34; John 10:20) We reject God when we *do not hope in His love*. (1 John 4:8; Matthew 12:21; Psalm 33:18)

**4<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** <sup>8</sup> *“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”* <sup>9</sup> *Six days you shall labor and do all your work,* <sup>10</sup> *but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.* <sup>11</sup> *For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. – Exodus 20:8-11*

This commandment is about trusting God by *ceasing to work*. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Sabbath and they refused to rest in Him. (John 5:18) We reject God when we *do not rest in His provision* in Jesus. (Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 4:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9)

**5<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. – Exodus 20:12*

This commandment is about *submission to God* through submission to divinely ordained authority. Jesus spoke for God and as God and they rejected His words and His authority. (John 14:24) We reject God when we *do not submit to the authority of Jesus* over our lives as well as when dishonor and disobey the authorities God has placed in our lives. (Ephesians 6:7)

**6<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** *You shall not murder. – Exodus 20:13*

This commandment is about an *attack on God* through an attack on those made in the image of God. Jesus was righteous and innocent and He laid down His life, therefore, his death was a voluntary murder. (Mark 8:31) We reject God when we *act like it would be okay if Jesus were dead* and when we desire and *seek to kill or harm* the life of those made in the image of God.

**7<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** *You shall not commit adultery. – Exodus 20:14*

This commandment is about *faithfulness to God* through faithfulness to the one God has made you one with in marriage. Jesus was the Husband/the Bridegroom and they were unfaithful to Him. (John 3:29; Isaiah 54:5) We reject God when we *refuse to pursue intimacy with God through Jesus* and when we operate, in heart or action, *outside of the sexual boundaries* of marriage between one man and one woman as designed by our Creator.

**8<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** *You shall not steal. – Exodus 20:15*

This commandment is about respecting what *rightfully belongs to another*. Jesus manifested the glory of God and they refused to honor Him but sought honor for themselves that belonged to Him. (Malachi 3:8-9; Matthew 21:13; Matthew 23:5-12) We reject God when we *take what does not belong to us* in our hearts and through our lives, including *credit (glory)* for the good we do or enjoy and not tracing it all back to the Good God who is the Giver.

**9<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. – Exodus 20:16*

This commandment is about pursuing another's good by *speaking what is true* about them. Jesus was falsely accused, and His name slandered. (Mark 14:55-59) We reject God when we *lie about God* in our hearts or with our lips and when we *lie to and about* those made in the image of God.

**10<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** *You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor. – Exodus 20:17*

This commandment is about wrong desire for what others have. Jesus had the praise and popularity of the people that they wanted. (Mark 15:10) We reject God when we are discontent because of what we don't have and/or because of what others have.

## **Conclusion**

Don't take God's name in vain. (Daniel 3:16-18) Whatever God does, hope in God and His love!

Don't reject the rest God has provided in Jesus. (Numbers 15:32-36)