

## The Ten Commandments – The Mind of Christ

When Jesus quotes Deuteronomy, saying “**love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength,**” He adds “**your mind.**” Why did He add “mind”?

With the New Covenant and The Son comes “**the mind of Christ.**” People need the Lord’s thoughts and understanding on ALL Scripture, Old and New. What is His mind regarding the Ten Commandments?

1	<b>“have no other gods before Me”</b> (Ex 20:3)	<p>Don’t do as the church does, lifting up men and women, exalting them rather than God alone.</p> <p><b>“Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind”</b> (Jer 17:5)</p> <p><b>“love the LORD your God...with all your <u>might</u>”</b> (Dt 6:5)</p>
2	<b>“not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness”</b> (Ex 20:4)	<p>Don’t do as the church does with their idols (crosses), images (fish, dove), and likenesses (paintings of Jesus).</p> <p><b>“watch yourselves carefully ... you did not see any form ... lest you act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure”</b> (Dt 4:15-16)</p> <p><b>“love the LORD your God...with all your <u>soul</u>”</b> (Dt 6:5)</p>
3	<b>“not take the name of the LORD your God in vain”</b> (Ex 20:7)	<p>Don’t do as the church does, bringing in <u>men’s</u> ways and <u>men’s</u> teachings, thus taking His Name, the Word of God, in vain.</p> <p><b>“This people honors Me with their lips, but their <u>heart</u> is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines <u>the precepts of men.</u>”</b> (Mt 15:8-9)</p> <p><b>“love the LORD your God with all your <u>heart</u>”</b> (Dt 6:5)</p>

Commandments 4 and 5 are spiritual and heavenly:

4	<b>“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy”</b> (Ex 20:8)	<p>Whatever time you devote to God, there is <u>no place</u> for men’s ways or men’s teachings.</p> <p><b>“desisting from <u>your own ways</u>, from seeking <u>your own pleasure</u>, and speaking <u>your own word</u>”</b> (Isa 58:13)</p> <p><b>“Bring your <u>worthless offerings</u> no longer ... I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.”</b> (Isa 1:13)</p> <p><b>“For My thoughts are not <u>your thoughts</u>, Neither are <u>your ways</u> My ways,” declares the LORD.</b> (Isa 55:8)</p>
5	<b>“Honor your father and your mother”</b> (Ex 20:12)	<p>Set your mind on things above. Honor the <i>heavenly</i> Father and the <i>heavenly</i> mother.</p> <p><b>“One is your <u>Father</u>, He who is <u>in heaven</u>.”</b> (Mt 23:9)</p> <p><b>“Then if I am a father, where is <u>My honor</u>? ... says the LORD of hosts...”</b> (Mal 1:6)</p> <p><b>“But the <u>Jerusalem above</u> is free; she is our <u>mother</u>.”</b> (Gal 4:26)</p>

The Commandments deal with how you treat God and people. **But how can you treat people correctly if you are mistreating God? You must first learn from God how to treat Him correctly!**

What is the Lord's mind on Commandments 6, 7, and 8? He expands them by introducing the weightier, spiritual understanding...

6	<p><b>“You shall not murder.”</b> (Ex 20:13)</p>	<p><b>“You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT <u>MURDER</u>’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’</b></p> <p><b>But I say to you that everyone who is <u>angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court....</u>”</b> (Mt 5:21-22)</p>
7	<p><b>“You shall not commit adultery.”</b> (Ex 20:14)</p>	<p><b>“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT <u>ADULTERY</u>’;</b></p> <p><b>but I say to you, that everyone who <u>looks on a woman to lust for her</u> has committed adultery with her already in his heart.”</b> (Mt 5:27-28)</p>
8	<p><b>“You shall not steal.”</b> (Ex 20:15)</p>	<p><b>“Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the LORD, “who <u>steal My words</u> from each other.”</b> (Jer 23:30)</p>

Commandments 9 and 10 mention “your neighbor.” But *who* is your neighbor? Your neighbor is God and anyone created in His image.

Commandments 9 and 10 are about speaking and doing the Word of God. *How* do you love your neighbor? Speak the Word of God in truth to people, and do the Word of God to get them to Him, so that they can become His possession!

9	<p><b>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”</b> (Ex 20:16)</p>	<p>Any lie about God is a false witness.</p> <p><b>“Speak ye every man <u>the truth</u> to his neighbour”</b> (Ze 8:16)</p> <p><b>Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man <u>truth</u> with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.</b> (Eph 4:25)</p> <p><b>“<u>Thy word is truth.</u>”</b> (Jn 17:17)</p>
10	<p><b>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house... wife... servant... or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”</b> (Ex 20:17)</p>	<p>Don’t rob <i>God</i> of people (His house, His bride, His servants). The sheep <i>belong</i> to Him. Get them <i>to Him</i>, not to men, not to church.</p> <p><b>“Will a man rob God? Yet <u>you are robbing Me!</u> But you say, ‘How have we robbed Thee?’”</b> (Mal 3:8)</p> <p><b>“<u>men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.</u>”</b> (Acts 20:29-30)</p>

**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.** (Eccl 12:13)

**“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”** (Jn 14:15)

**“But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them ... But we have the mind of Christ.”** (1Cor 2:14,16)

**...walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit...** (Gal 5:16-17)