

The Commandments of God

by Basilea Schlink

God's commandments are essential for recognizing sin, coming to repentance, and choosing life and good, and are a crucial part of spiritual life.

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Scripture: Exodus 20:1, Matthew 5:17, Romans 3:20

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of taking God's commandments seriously, especially in a world where many are rejecting them. The commandments of God serve as standards for our lives and help us distinguish between good and evil. The speaker highlights that turning away from God's commandments can lead to a loss of connection with Jesus and a lack of recognition of our own sins. The sermon also emphasizes that without the commandments, there would be chaos and a lack of order in the world.

Transcript

God lives and works today. He never changes, and therefore His truths and commandments never change either. Many people in our present-day world, however, would like to get rid of the Ten Commandments, for the laws of God seem to inhibit them, spoil their fun, and destroy their freedom.

The truth, however, is exactly the opposite, as today's meditation by Basilea Schlenk will show. The commandments of God tell us what good and evil is. Many believers have met their downfall because they've turned away from God's commandments.

If we depart from the commandments, we lose contact with Jesus, the crucified and the resurrected Lord. Only when we recognize the validity of the commandments, and acknowledge their claim upon us, can we come to the knowledge of our own sins. Only then will we see how often we fail and sin, because we ourselves just cannot fulfill the commandments.

Only then are we brought to contrition and repentance. In this way, we're always driven to the cross of Jesus Christ, into His arms. However, without the commandments of God, there's no recognition of sin.

We feel no urge to resist sin. If sin's no longer recognized as sin, then we don't need Jesus as our Redeemer either. If we aren't willing to capitulate before these standards and to repent, if we aren't willing

to trust in the grace of Jesus, in His merciful forgiveness alone, then our spiritual life will dwindle away.

Unfortunately, there are countless Christians who've built their foundation on cheap grace. That is, they show no sign of gratitude for the forgiveness of their sins. They don't strive to keep the commandments.

They don't want to shed tears of remorse. If the commandments lose their validity, the commission of Jesus Christ for the world also loses its validity. For it was Jesus, the Word, the commandment of God manifested in the flesh, who lived out and proclaimed this one commandment in which all the others were contained, the commandment to love.

Without the commandment of God, there would be no more law, no more order in the world. Chaos would reign. When God gave His commandments to His people Israel, He said to them, See, I've set before you this day life and good, death and evil.

And this is a reality. We can choose what we want. If we say yes to the commandments, we choose life and good.

If we say no, we've decided upon death and evil, for now and eternity. Therefore, it's important for us, especially in these days when so many are rejecting God's laws, to take His commandments seriously. The most intimate union with God is promised to those who are at one with His will and act according to His commandments.

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