

'IF YOU LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS' JOHN 14:15

John 13:12-17 ¹² So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?¹³ **Ye call me Master and Lord:** and ye say well; for so I am.¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.¹⁵ **For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done** to you.¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.¹⁷ If ye know these things happy are ye, if ye do them.

1 Peter 2:21-22 ²¹ because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**²² Who did not sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. As we look at these two scriptures, we see that Yeshua (Jesus) told us that "you should do as I have done." Is that only in the washing of the feet and of serving others? Or are we to strive to be as much like Him as possible in every area of our life? Are we to do the things He did? To have a clear conscience at judgement because we strove to be like him. 1 John 4:17 "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is, so are we in this world.**"

In the second scripture in 1Peter, we see that Yeshua (Jesus) was without sin, and no guile was found in his mouth. That was also for an example to us and even though Jesus tells us there is none good, he still exhorts us to keep the commandments according to Matthew 19:17 ".....there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, **keep the commandments.**" He was sinless. We are not. So, what exactly is sin? That is up for a lot of different interpretations, but according to The Word, this is the answer.

1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." The word for law is instructions. 1 John 5:3 says, "For this is the love of God, that we **keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous." It appears that we show God that we love Him when we keep his commandments. 1 John 2:3 "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we **keep his commandments**"

Paul also tells us in Romans 7:12 "Wherefore the law (instructions) is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." We all know that keeping the commandments of God is not what "saves" us, but it should be a fruit of our relationship with Messiah. Others should be able to tell by our walk that we are His.

As we begin to look toward the end of days, we see that "The Remnant "have some distinct qualities. Rev. 12:17 "And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep** the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the** commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." And then all the way to the back of the book. Rev.22:14 "Blessed are they that **do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city."

I would like to eat of the tree of life, and I would like to enter into the city. Let's do this together. Let's do what Jesus did and if he did not do it, let's not do it.

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