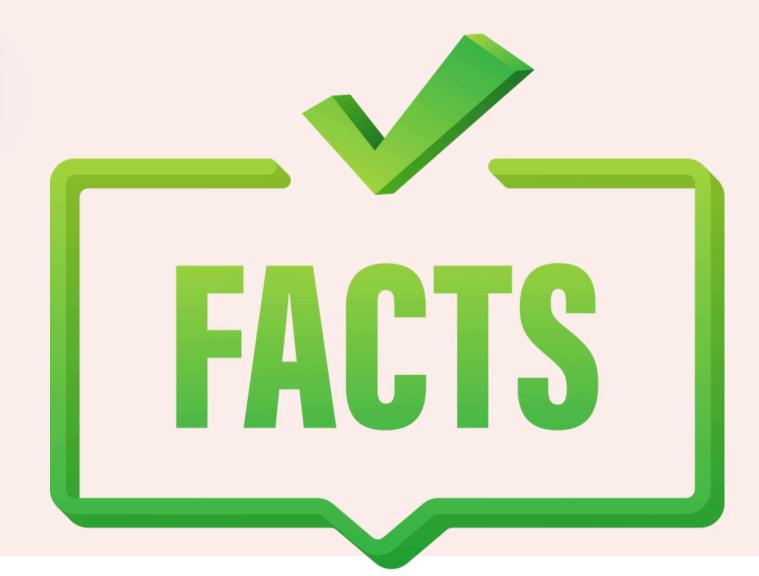
WALKING IN THE TRUTH





TEACH & OBEY

Jesus

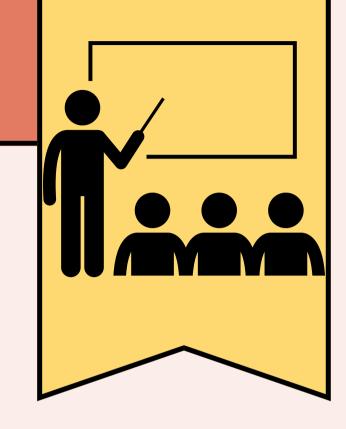
What did Jesus command us to teach to all nations?

Matthew 28:19-20 NRSV

19 Go therefore and make **disciples of <u>all nations</u>**, <u>baptizing</u> them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



LEARN OF JESUS

Jesus

What did Jesus say we need to learn?

Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and <u>learn from me</u>, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For **my yoke is easy**, and **my burden is light**."



HOW WE KNOW HIM

Apostle John

How to know if we are walking in the truth.

1 John 2:3-6 NRSV

3 Now by this we know that we have come to know him, if we obey his commandments. 4 Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; 5 but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we know that we are in him: 6 whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk in the same way as he walked.

LOVE JESUS

Jesus

How do we show our love to Jesus?

John 14:15; 21 NRSV

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who

love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and **reveal myself to them**.



TRUTH



Jesus

Jesus says those who keep His word love Him and those who <u>do</u> <u>not</u> keep His word <u>DO NOT LOVE HIM</u>.

John 14:23-24 NRSV

23 Jesus answered him, "<u>Those who love me will keep my word</u>, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

KEEP COMMANDMENTS

The Apostle Paul.

1 Corinthians 7:19 NRSV

19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but <u>obeying the</u> <u>commandments</u> of God <u>is everything</u>.

The Apostle John.

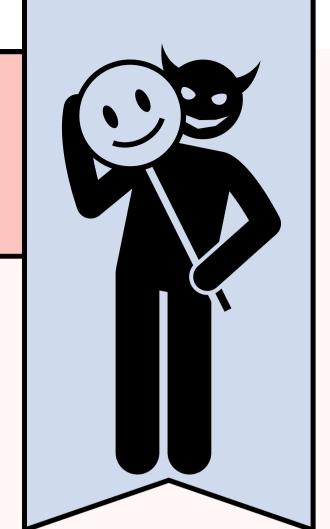
12 Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14:12 NRSV

DON'T BE TRICKED

Jesus & Apostle John

Jesus commanded us to teach & obey His commandments!



The way that we truly show that we **LOVE** God is to keep His commandments. There is **no other way**.

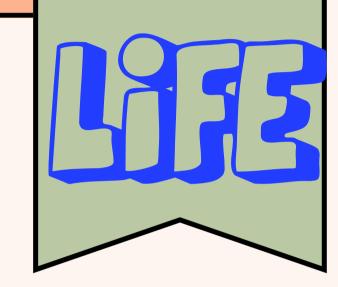
3 For the <u>love of God is this</u>, <u>that we obey his commandments</u>. And his <u>commandments</u> are not <u>burdensome</u>,

1 John 5:3 NRSV

ETERNALLIFE

Jesus

Eternal Life is knowing the Only True God & Jesus Christ and keeping their commandments. John 17:3



49 for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me **has himself** given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak.

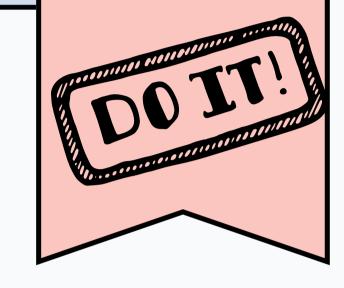
50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

John 12:49-50 NRSV

DO IT!

Jesus

Believers can pray, fast, prophecy, cast out demons, and worship God all they want. But <u>if</u> they **DO NOT OBEY** <u>His</u> <u>Commandments</u> they will **NOT** be saved!



21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.'

Matthew 7:21-23 NRSV

Matthew 7:23

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"I never knew you"

This was a recognized formula of repudiation and excommunication in the jewish community. A rabbi would say these words to a disobedient disciple.

resources: Erub. 53a; Mo'ed. Qat. 16a;

Mo'ed Qat. 3:8; Carson 1984b: 193; Lachs

1987: 150

well aware that some prophets were false; indeed, on multiple occasions, in the decades following Jesus' ministry, alleged prophets led followers to destruction at the hands of Rome's armies.

7:16 See note on Jas 3:12.

7:21 – 22 Although Greek and Jewish accounts sometimes delegated judgment to an exalted human, the ultimate judge in Jewish belief was God. Some Jewish exorcists invoked Solomon's name to try to expel demons (Josephus, *Antiquities* 8.47), but the sense here may exalt Jesus more: Jewish people more often could speak of acting (e.g., 1Sa 17:45; Ps 118:11 – 12) or prophesying (e.g., Dt 18:22; 1 Esdras 6:1) in the name of God.

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Eruvin 53a:10

The Gemara asks: And according to the one who said that his decrees were new, isn't it written: "Who knew not Joseph"? If it were the same king, how could he not know Joseph? The Gemara explains: What is the meaning of the phrase: "Who knew not Joseph"? It means that he conducted himself like one who did not know Joseph at all.

Moed Katan 16a:22

Rabbi Shimon went and told his father, Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi, what bar Kappara had said, and Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi became angry with him. When bar Kappara came at some later point to visit, Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi said to him: Bar Kappara, I do not know you at all. Bar Kappara understood that Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi had taken his statement to heart, i.e., was insulted. He subsequently behaved as if he had been admonished, as a self-imposed punishment, for thirty days.

THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON

WE SEE THAT INIQUITY MEANS VIOLATING LAW OR TO DO WICKEDNESS. THESE DISCIPLES DISREGARDED THEIR RABBI'S COMMANDS.

JESUS OUR MASTER, WILL SAY "DEPART FROM ME," TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM BUT DID NOT OBEY OR DISREGARDED HIS COMMANDS.

ἀνομία, -ας, ἡ, (ἄνομος);

1. properly, the condition of one without law — either because ignorant of it, or because violating it.

2. contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness: Matthew 23:28; Matthew 24:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:8 (T Tr text WH text; cf. ἀμαρτία, 1, p. 30f), 2 Thessalonians 2:7; Titus 2:14; 1 John 3:4. opposed to ἡ δικαιοσύνη, 2 Corinthians 6:14; Hebrews 1:9 [not Tdf.] (Xenophon, mem. 1, 2, 24 ἀνομία μᾶλλον ἤ δικαιοσύνη χρώμενοι); and to ἡ δικαιοσύνη and ὁ άγιασμός, Romans 6:19 (τῆ ἀνομία εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν to iniquity personified — in order to work iniquity); ποιεῖν τὴν ἀνομίαν to do iniquity, act wickedly, Matthew 13:41; 1 John 3:4; in the same sense, ἐργάζεσθαι τὴν ἀν 🧫 Matthew 7:23; plural αἱ ἀνομίαι manifestations of disregard for law, iniquities, evil deeds: Romans 4:7 (Psalm 31:1 (Ps. 32:1)); Hebrews 8:12 [R G L]; Hebrews 10:17. (In Greek writings from [Herodotus 1, 96] Thucydides down; often in the Sept.) [Synonym: cf. Trench, § Ixvi.; Tittmann 1:48; Ellicott on Titus 2:14.]

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