

# HE THAT LOVES JESUS

He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and manifest myself to him.—Jno. 14: 21.

Our text contains much precious truth. We are told who it is that loves Christ, and the help that He has given to strengthen and perpetuate that love, namely, His Commandments, and by the keeping of them the Christian proves His love to Jesus. Then follow the rich blessings bestowed on such as love Him. The Father loves them, Christ loves them and will manifest Himself to them. The various points of our subject will be enlarged upon under our divisions.

We will consider our text under the following divisions, and pray for the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I. They have the commandments of Jesus, and keep them.

II. The rich blessings that follow to those who keep Christ's commandments.

1. They have the commandments of God, not only the ten given at Mount Sinai, but also Christ's new commandments, to love one another, and also all the commands He has given in His blessed word all of which are given for instruction in righteousness. The Church is not left without light in a dark and sinful world. The light of this world is Jesus.

The commandments of God are great lights in this world, showing men their danger, and pointing them Heavenward. It is in mercy that the commandments are given to us, that they may lead us in the right and holy ways of God that lead to everlasting happiness. The heathen have no such help as is given us in the commandments of God, and are therefore in heathen darkness, and will continue in sin and darkness till the gospel comes to them with all its blessed light and life. Christianized countries are greatly blessed with gospel light, and the salvation that accompanies it. With reference to the commandments of God, we will speak of two classes, and these all in Christian countries; yes, in the Church. Our reference is to those that hear the gospel.

There is a class that hears and many of whom know the commandments of God, and speak well of them, and yet have no interest in what they hear. The Gospel messages fall without effect on their ears. Such people hear to condemnation. They may go to Church and perhaps send their children to Sabbath School, and may be, praise the sermon and the Sabbath School, and wonder that people having such advantages, are not better. They will apply the truth abundantly to their neighbors, but never themselves. They can see faults enough in their neighbors, but not in themselves. There is also a class who think that the commandments are too hard, and some of these are in Christian communities. I have heard some railing against the Catechism of the Presbyterian church, and saying it was too hard and they did not like it, and yet it contains nothing but what is in full agreement with the word of God. The fact is these people do not like God or His word.

There were such people in the days of our Lord Jesus Christ; Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.—Jno. 6: 53.

Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this, said: This is an hard saying; who can hear it? (Jno. 6: 60). From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him. (Jno. 6: 66.) Christ's language was too spiritual for them. They were carnally minded.

As it was in the time of our Saviour, so it is in our time; anything spiritual is too hard for the carnally minded. Many expect to go to Heaven on the broad way that leads to everlasting misery. They hate the restraining of their carnal minds by the word of God, and the exhortations of His people. They turn their backs on God's servants, and will keep company with them no more. They will seek the company that suits them, and who are of their own way of thinking and acting. Birds of a feather flock together.

There are those that keep the Commandments of God; and although they cannot keep them in the letter, they keep them in the spirit. They are desirous of keeping them, and sincerely try to do so, and the Lord will accept their sincerity and forgive their shortcomings and failings. God does not impute their failings to them as sins. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputed not his sins, whose sins are covered over. Then if any

of God's children sin, we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ, who is the believer's righteousness. The Godly are repenting every day, repenting of their failings and short-comings. They condemn themselves for every short-coming, and look for forgiveness through the mediatorship of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity and in whose spirit there is no guile. Ps. 32: 2. The Godly are a guileless and sincere people. They say with Paul: the Commandment is Holy, and just, and good; but I am carnal. The righteous are all of the same spirit. They condemn themselves for their imperfections, and confess the justice and goodness of God's commandments, and acknowledge that God gave His commandments in mercy, and for the benefit of mankind. They love His commandments and endeavor to keep them, and to all such as thus conduct themselves, the Lord accepts that they keep His commandments, because they do it in the spirit. He sets to their account that they love Him. David said: O how love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day; and all that David had in the Mosaic Law was but little in comparison with the gospel we have. Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies, Ps. 119: 97, 98. The saints under the Old Testament Dispensation loved the instructions of God's word, and thus gave proof of their love to God, and Christ is God manifest in the flesh. The love of God and the love of Christ is the same divine unchangeable love. All who have the commandments of God, and keep them, love Jesus. The great duty entrusted to the church was to send the Gospel to all the world, that they might learn the way of life, know the Gospel, learn the commandments of Jesus Christ, and keep them, and thus show their love to Him. Unless people have the commandments, they cannot keep them, nor can they show their love to Jesus, but will remain in sin and ignorance, and perish; hence the paramount duty of sending the Gospel to all the world, that all people may learn the way of salvation.

2. The blessings of keeping God's Commandments.

Those that love Christ are beloved of the Father, who is the originator and creator of all things, and is therefore placed first. To be beloved of God is most wonderful, and most blessed. He bestows the benefits of His love on His beloved ones. He makes all things work together for their good. He sees the snares that Satan is laying down for them, and frustrates his wicked purpose, breaks his snares, and delivers His beloved out of his meshes. The steps of the righteous are directed by the Lord. He is always mindful of His beloved, and watches over them; yes, has given Christ charge of them, appointed Him their shepherd. His eyes are always upon the faithful of the land; He that keeps Israel He slumbers not nor sleeps.

Our Creator is God the Father, who is the Creator of all things. Creation is of the Father, Redemption by the Son, and Sanctification by the Holy Spirit. The work of the three persons are in beautiful order. First Creation, which must necessarily take place first, second Redemption, which must necessarily take place before sanctification. But none of the three works mentioned is subordinate. They are co-ordinate. God is represented in three persons performing the three great departments of Creation, Redemption and Sanctification. The three are one God the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

We will here consider the creation of man, which is most important. Man is fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvellous are the works of God. Ps. 139: 14. Though formed out of the dust of the ground man's body is a wonderful mechanism. In wisdom God made all things, and man the chief among them all; male and female He made the human race. Considering the mechanism of the whole body it is wonderful; the feet for walking; the hands for labor and defense, a beautiful erect body such as no other creature has, crowned with a wonderful head, with eyes, nose, ears and mouth all beautiful and possessed of wonderful powers as speaking, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and possessed of feeling. Again let us consider man's understanding, thinking powers, reasoning, intelligence and wisdom far above all other animals, and common sense of which no other created being on earth is possessed. Man is the only creature of this world that provides for himself, builds houses, plants, sows and reaps, builds fires and manufactures clothing for himself. Truly man is wonderfully made. We owe all to our Creator. Great is our debt of gratitude to God our Heavenly Father; and great is our responsibility for all He has bestowed upon us. We are accountable creatures; accountable to God our creator. The love of God to us is further declared by Christ Himself; For God so loved

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the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life, Jno. 3: 16; and hast loved them as Thou hast loved me, Jno. 17: 24. The Father loved His Son from all eternity and so has He loved the Church, the mystical body of Christ, which He will take home to glory.

God so loved the world, that is, sinners who were of the world, but were chosen of God out of the world chosen us, who were the children of wrath, even as others, out of the world, and unto Salvation, chosen us in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, that is in eternity. God's choice was gratuitous, it arose from His own love and goodness and not from any merit in those chosen. There was nothing in the fallen race of Adam to deserve or win any favour from God; all was sin and unholiness. The whole mass of mankind was corrupt and sinful, hateful and hating God and one another Act 3: 3. That believers were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world shows clearly that God's chosen people were included in the eternal counsels and purposes of God in eternity, and in connection with Christ, and beloved of God the Father as His own Son. The love of God exceeds all human understanding being infinite and eternal. The Church triumphant will be drinking forever out of the fullness of Divine Love. That love is limitless and inexhaustible, full of peace and joy, joy unspeakable and full of glory. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. We had every reason to love God; but he had no reason to love us. This is the wonderful love that He loved us who were His enemies, and altogether unlovable; and yet He loved us and sent His Son Jesus Christ to be a propitiation for our sins. God is love. None love God the Father, but those that love Christ.

2. Christ loves those that have and keep His Commandments. To those He has promised His love; and His promises never fail of accomplishment. Such as keep God's commandments have the promise of the love of God the Father and the love of Jesus Christ. The Divine Love is the same in both. The Father loved us so as to give His Son for us. When God gave His Son for us, He gave His greatest gift. Christ is God's unspeakable gift; and was given for the salvation of sinners.

Christ in His love came to this world to seek and to save that which was lost. He gave up for a time His beautiful and glorious home in Heaven to save sinners; and a shameful reception He received when He arrived in the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own and His own, the Jews—Christ was a Jew—received Him not. Jno. 1: 10, 11. Israel as a people and nation rejected Christ, but not all of them. But to as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God Jno. 1: 12.

Immediately after His Baptism Satan attacked Him in the wilderness. They fought a great battle, but Christ was victorious. Then we find Him in the temple purging it of those who made it a place of traffic. He drove them out of His Father's house, and overthrew the money changers' tables. He scourged thieves and robbers out of the temple. He was not supported in His work of Reformation. The representatives of the Church, the Scribes and Pharisees, were rather offended at His work. They asked His authority for what He did, and who gave Him the authority. They were evidently displeased, but satisfied with conditions as they were. Their language implied that He had acted with too much boldness. They considered that they themselves were the Lords of the Temple. Their opposition to Christ continued to Him throughout His life and work; and finally brought about His crucifixion.

But Christ continued His work of preaching and healing throughout all Palestine, though hotly persecuted by foes. His was a work of mercy and love, and He could not be discouraged by the opposition

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and persecution of all His adversaries. He was without a permanent home, and dependent upon the charities of friends for His subsistence and for that of His disciples, and accompanied by a dishonest treasurer who stole His money. His life on earth was poor and comfortless. I mean His life time during His ministry. Of His previous life we know very little, except the incidents of His birth, and one of His boyhood. To escape the sword of Herod He was carried down to Egypt for a brief period.

He preached glorious doctrines and with authority, declaring all the truth to the people, and was yet kind and gracious in His ways and addresses. But He did not spare the hypocrites; He told them what they really were to their face and before the multitude. Even the officers they sent to arrest Him could not lay hands on Him when they heard His discourse, and said, Never man spoke like this man. He preached, healed all manner of diseases, cast out devils, raised the dead, fed multitudes on two loaves and five fishes, walked upon the sea, calmed the storms and settled down the waves. Thus He manifested His love and mercy. His crowning act of love was when He laid down His life for sinners, yes, for His enemies. Christ died for the unworthy. It was not for good men He died but for such as were His enemies, and by His death

and sufferings sinners have been saved, reconciled to God, and prepared for glory. Christ manifested His love by dying for sinners; and His love is promised only to such as keep His commandments. They only give proof of being the children of God, in love Christ offers salvation to all men, and all who will believe in Him, and accept Him as their Saviour will be saved and blessed forever. He will take them home with Himself to dwell with Him forever in His house of many mansions where they will see all His glory. But such as reject His salvation, He will justly judge. They will be finally sent to their own place. Christ's love is promised only to such as keep His commandments.

3. He will manifest Himself to such as keep His Commandments. I will manifest Myself to him. Then the Apostle Judas, not Iscariot, asked Christ a question: How was it that He would manifest Himself to His true followers and not unto the world. Jesus replied: If any man love me, he will keep my words, and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. Jno. 14: 22, 23.

This is one of the sweetest and most comforting promises that Christ has given His Church in her militant state, that is, in her trials and troubles in this world. Such as keep God's word are beloved of God,

the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. They will come unto him and make their abode with him. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son, 2 John 9. The Godly have fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ; Christ's parting promise to His disciples was: Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, and His promises never fail; they are as good as accomplished when He gives them. His promise to His beloved is, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. All who keep Christ's commandments love Him, and have accepted Him as their Saviour, and all who have accepted Christ as their Saviour have God for their Heavenly Father. Beloved are the children of God and the brothers of Christ; and their union with God in Christ is their great happiness. To know God as our Father and Christ as our Saviour is eternal life commenced. Christ will be revealing Himself to all who love Him, showing more and more of His perfections to them, and thus intensifying their love to Him, and their satisfaction in Him. He also reveals to them the Father. All that we shall know of God the Father, comes to us through the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers in God will know all things to their satisfaction, and to the glory of God. We shall know as we are known, and that surely will be

sufficient. The Church is entrusted with sending the Gospel to all the world. Christ's last command to the eleven Apostles as they sat at meat, was: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He gave them their great commission, and it is still binding upon the Church, and will be to the end of time when people get the gospel, they will learn Christ's commandments, and such as will keep them will show that they love Him. But unless people know the gospel, they cannot keep Christ's commandments, or show their love to Him. Those who keep Christ's commandments are those that love Him, and are loved of God the Father and of Jesus Christ, and the Father and the son abide with them. They can be with them in mercy, and love, and providence, and by the indwelling and teaching of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, that ever abides with the Church. All the Scripture is profitable for the building up of the Church of God; and the commandments are a most prominent portion of the Scriptures, while all is good and excellent. If ye love me keep my commandments, said Christ. Jno. 14: 15.

Again, it is said: This is the love of God that we keep His Commandments, and His Commandments are not grievous. 1 Jno. 5: 3. Keeping God's commandments is the proof of our love to Christ, and a great

reward is promised: blessed are they that do His Commandments that may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev. 22: 14. They shall enjoy the felicities of Heaven forever.

There can be no better proof of our love to Christ than what He Himself gave, namely, the keeping of His commandments. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings Jno. 14: 24. The proof of our love to Christ is in the keeping of His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous to such as love Him. Love makes the yoke easy and the burden light. Anything spiritual is grievous to such as are carnally minded. They love neither Christ nor His gospel.

The Lord Jesus Christ is always with His people, and never will leave them alone. His promise is sure, and this promise He has given to I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28: 20. And now He is preparing a place for His beloved, and will come at last and take them home to Heaven, where they can see all His glory and enjoy all the felicities of the glorified state of the redeemed.

The proof of our godliness is our love to Christ, and the proof of our love to Christ is in keeping His commandments. Rev. Donald MacLean Charlottetown, P. E. I., 1931.