



What is keeping His commandment?

1 John 5:1-5 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

- a) One of the main ways we know that we are children of God is when we love God.
- b) How do we love God? It is by keeping His commandments.
- c) In John 3:22-23, it is revealed to us what it is to keep His commandment. Read on down!

1 John 3:22-23 *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.*

a) Most people when they hear the commandment or the commandments. Their mind quickly goes to the law of Moses (10 commandments). Although the law had commandments and the big ten are truly commandments, when commandments are spoken about under the new covenant, this is referring to something different.

b) The commandment in the New Covenant is not in the doing, but rather in the believing. These passages reveal to us the commandment of the Lord, not the commandment of Moses. Huge difference!

c) **His commandment is Believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ.**

d) Once we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, then we can love one another. We can't love one another without believing on the Lord Jesus first.

i) 1 John 4:7 *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

o One who loveth:

□ knoweth God = Being born of God. We can't know God unless we are born of Him.

□ Born of God = Believing that Jesus is the Christ (1 John 5:1)

- 1 John 5:1 *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.*