

# KEEP MY COMANDMENTS

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### **John 14:15**

<sup>15</sup> If ye love me, keep my commandments.

### **1 John 5:3**

<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Introduction:

This is a chapter full of certainties', and remarkably strewn with a number of "ifs". At least seven of them are found in this chapter.

Note:

### **John 14:2**

<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: **if** *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

### **John 14:3**

<sup>3</sup> And **if** I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

### **John 14:7**

<sup>7</sup> **If** ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

### **John 14:14**

<sup>14</sup> **I**f ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

### **John 14:15**

<sup>15</sup> **I**f ye love me, keep my commandments.

### **John 14:23**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, **I**f a 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.

### **John 14:28**

<sup>28</sup> Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. **I**f ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

It's verse 15 that we will consider this evening. This if is of upmost importance and seriousness.

Notice:

## **1. PRINCIPLE**

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Where we place the emphasis in this verse certainly affects its importance.

- If – Conditional
- Ye – Remember the Lord was speaking to His disciples
- Love – The Lord’s desire
- Me, My – The Lord
- Commandments – The Lord’s Word

## 2. PRIORITY

Our love for the Lord is to make our love for others look like hate.

### **Luke 14:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, <sup>26</sup> If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

### **Luke 14:33**

<sup>33</sup> So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

## 3. PROBLEM

Some reasons that people don't keep His commandments:

- Some are not saved

### **John 8:42**

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

- Some love things much too much (vs. 15)

### **John 21:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he *himself*. <sup>2</sup> There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. <sup>6</sup> And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. <sup>7</sup> Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. <sup>9</sup> As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. <sup>11</sup> Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for

all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. <sup>12</sup> Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. <sup>14</sup> This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. <sup>15</sup> So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. <sup>16</sup> He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. <sup>17</sup> He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

- Some love others more than the Lord

That's why many churches have gone the way they have.

It's a people centered ministry rather than a Christ centered ministry.

Note:

The Lord didn't ask Peter if he loved the sheep, He was asked if he loved the Lord.

The truth is if we love the Lord we will love the sheep, and we will keep His commandments and His commandments are not grievous.