

Keep the Commandments and Live

A young man came to Jesus asking him what good thing he could do to obtain eternal life. Jesus instructed him to “Keep the Commandments.”

In today’s world, this might be referred to or considered an inadequate or out dated response as much of the world believes and consequently teaches the commandments are done away with. Imagine that! This means in essence we are free to have and serve any god we want, take the name of the Lord God in vain, do our own pleasures on the Holy Sabbath, dishonor our parents; we can kill, steal, commit adultery and be envious and jealous of our neighbors. The unfortunate reality is much of the world has bought into these practices and living them accordingly. Why do we then exclaim and lament about the condition the world? People are only living what they are being taught even from the very pulpit of some religious institutions.

The young man depicted in the 19th Chapter of St. Matthew had tired of his life as he knew it and lived it. In Jesus he saw hope for a better life; life eternal! In this present world, men and women; young and old are confronted with the struggles of life; most times not knowing which way to turn and they desperately seek answers to life’s difficulties ... “how do I escape my situation and live a better life?” The thought arises ...what answer will they receive if they ask unbelieving ministers? Will they be told to keep the Commandments of God and live, or will they be told to just try your best and do good?

Today, we find the laws on the books are still against killing stealing, and even adultery. These are a part of the 10 Commandments God, written with His finger and given to Moses in the book of Exodus, Chapter 20 to give to our forefathers. And despite the teachings of some congregations, Jesus Christ confirmed in St. Matthew 5:17 that His coming did not alter or void keeping of the Commands when he wrote, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill.”

In closing, observance of the Word of God gives life eternal! The commandments teach us how to honor and love God and our fellowman. When we go against the Commandments of God we invite continuance of the present conditions in the world today. Consider Proverbs 4:4, “He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.”