

50 Commands of Christ - 14 - (#46-47)

46. Keep my commandments—*John 14:15*

How can we show Jesus that we love him? *1 John 5:1-4*

What are the commands of Jesus that we should obey?

Does God reward obedience? *Gen 22:15-18, Deut 10:12-13, 28:1-14, Job 36:11, Isaiah 48:17-18, Jeremiah 7:22-23, Matthew 5:6, Revelation 3:10*

If I don't obey his commands, does that mean I don't get into heaven? Is there a penalty for disobedience? *Ephesians 5:6, 2 Corinthians 5:10*

When you hear you have to obey commands, what comes to mind? (Obeying your parents, teacher, Army sergeant, prison guard, boss, priest, or someone else.) How does Jesus compare with other people you've had to obey?

How can we more want to obey the Lord? *Psalms 51:12, 86:11, 119:4-5*

47. Feed my sheep—*John 21:15-17*

Most Bible commentaries focus only on the question, "do you love me?" that Jesus asks Peter three times and ignore the command, "feed my sheep." Is loving Jesus more important than feeding his lambs and sheep?

More accurate Bible translations list three slightly different commands:

- 1) Feed my lambs, i.e., feed, teach, support, nourish people new to the faith.
- 2) Tend my sheep, i.e., care for, rule over, keep together people who are believers
- 3) Feed my sheep (same as #1 but sheep imply more mature believers)

In a totally practical sense, how would you personally carry out this command of Jesus to "feed my lambs?" How about "tend my sheep?" And "feed my sheep?"

Jesus often describes his followers as sheep. That's kind of insulting, isn't it? What other meanings could you read into it? *Numbers 27:16-17, Psalm 119:176, Isaiah 53:6, Matthew 9:36, 1 Peter 2:25*