The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

2-06-2017 Commandments of Jesus

After His resurrection, but before His ascension into Heaven,

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What "commandments?"

- "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30);
- 2) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34).
- 3) "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:15-16).

Which of these can anyone say is "nonessential?"

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2-07-2017 Apostles of Jesus

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- 1) The Twelve Apostles were personally chosen by Jesus (Matthew 10:1-4).
- 2) Only Judas Iscariot was replaced when he committed suicide (Acts 1:15-26). Herod killed James, but he was not replaced (Acts 12:1-2).

- 3) The Apostles were eye-witnesses of the resurrected Jesus.
- **4)** These were "infallible proofs," or evidence with certainty. "Infallible" only referred to Gospel evidence, never to an Apostle!

Faith is without doubt!

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2-08-2017 Infallible Proofs

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"Infallible" means not capable of failing. What made these "proofs" "infallible?" Because His living body was seen by:

- Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9),
- two disciples on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-34),
- Cephas, the Twelve, James, all the apostles (1 Corinthians 15:5-7).
- At the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus ate physical food with seven of the Apostles (John 21:1-14).
- He was also seen by "over 500 brethren at once" (1 Corinthians 15:6).

All of these bodily appearances within 40-days surely should be called "infallible." This is a Christian's "certainty of the words of truth" (**Proverbs 22:21**).

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2-09-2017 Kingdom of God

Jesus physical resurrection has "infallible proofs." He also spoke "of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:2-3). What did Jesus say about "the kingdom of God?"

1) He said,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

"At hand," meant "close, near by."

2) He said,

"There are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom" (Matthew 16:28). Either He lied, or else the kingdom came while people who heard Him were alive!

3) He said,

"I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes" (Luke 22:18).

Either the kingdom came in the 1^{st} Century, or there is no Lord's Supper. Kingdom people observe it every 1^{st} day of the week in the church of Christ (Acts 20:7)!

The kingdom has come!

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2-10-2017 The Throne of God

Luke tells of Jesus Christ, until "He was taken up" (Acts 1: 2).

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19).

On Pentecost, the Apostles preached David was still dead, but had prophesied that

God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne (Acts 2:29-30).

Everyone who preaches that Jesus is not yet on David's throne is denying Jesus's resurrection! If Jesus is not now on David's throne, He could not have

... Delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (**Colossians 1:13-14**).

Millennialism denies the faith!

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