#### <u>Series</u>: Faith By Number: Uncomplicated Faith <u>Title</u>: Only 2 Commandments to Obey <u>Text</u>: (Matt 22:35-40)

**Introduction:** (Phil 3:10)

# Christians Will Always Be Questioned: (Matt 22:35a)

A. What We Believe: (1 Pet 3:15)
B. Why We Believe It: (Col 4:5-6)
C. Why They Should Believe It: (2 Cor 5:9-12) (2 Tim 3:5)The World's beliefs

#### The Devil Will Test Us: (Matt 22:35a)

# A. 2 Examples of Satan casting Doubt on God's Word:

- The Garden of Eden: (Gen 3:1-5) (1 Cor 10:13) the Temptation wasn't the problem.
   The temptation of Christ: (Luk 4:9-13)
- **B. Satan Is Still Doing It Today:** (2 Pet 3:3-4)

# Supposed Believers Will Test Us: (Matt 22:35b)

A. <u>Example of Judas</u>: (Matt 26:48-50)

B. Good Works Don't Prove Faith: (Matt 7:22-23)

### C. A True Follower Is Known Their Obedience:

(Luke 6:46) Partial Obedience is not obedience. (John 10:26-27) Selective Faithfulness is not Obedience.

### **The Two Commandments of Christ:**

*These 2 Responsibilities Will That Bring Us Victory* (Matt 22:37-28) Jesus' responses to his question.

# Loving the Lord Your God Will Bring You Victory:

**A. Our First Responsibility is to God:** (Matt 22:37) **B. Lets Dissect and Define Commandment #1:**  All your Heart - Your Emotions: (Heb 4:12)
 All Your Soul - Your Will (Rom 8:28-29)
 All Your Mind-:(Heb 4:12)(2 Cor 10:5)(Phil 2:5-8)

#### Loving Your Neighbor As Yourself Perpetuates Victory: A. Your 2nd Responsibility is to Man: (Matt 22:39) B. Our Responsibility to Others in the Bible: (Rom 15:1-2) (Phil 4:13) As a Christian, this capability lies within all of us. (Gal 6:2) *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law*

#### **On These Two Hang All the Law and the Prophets: A. The Law & Prophets Summed up:** (Exodus 21:3-20) **Commandments 1-4: Our Responsibility to God:**

- 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Vs 3
- 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. 4-5
- 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain 7
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Vs 9-11

# **Commandments 5-10: Our Responsibility to Others:**

- 5. Honour thy father and thy mother. Vs 12
- 6. Thou shalt not kill. Vs 13
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Vs 14
- 8. Thou shalt not steal. Vs 15
- 9. Thou shalt nor bear false witness against try neighbor Vs16
- 10. Thou shalt not covet. Vs 17

# **B.** Correlation Between the 2 Commandments of Christ and the Two Fold Purpose of the Law:

The Law has a 2 fold purpose: (Ex 20:20)

- 1. Purge sin from our lives
- 2. To keep sin from Ruling our lives

# See the Correlation between the 2 fold purpose of the Law and the 2 Commandments of Christ.

**Commandment #1:** *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.* 

(Ex 20:20a) "for God is come to prove you,"

**Commandment #2:** *And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.* 

(Ex 20:20b) "that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not."

When our Outer man yields to these 2 commandments, we begin to experience the victorious Christian life.

True Joy comes from meeting our responsibility to love in this order.

Jesus, Others, You!