

What  
JESUS  
Commanded

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The teaching of Jesus Christ has shaped human history. Most of Western Society's Laws have drawn their inspiration from this set of teachings which we will refer to as *the commands of Christ*. These commands have become so ingrained in our society that they are now figures of speech: *Do unto others...Turn the other cheek...Go the extra mile...*are all citations from the commands that Christ gave.

Today the word "Christian" is loosely applied to buildings, businesses, certain ethnic races, a set of moral guidelines, and even a type of music. Yet this use of the word is often without any reference to what it's founder taught. It should be beneficial to discover exactly what

Jesus Christ taught and how this understanding can shape our lives.

This series is designed to take you through the New Testament. In this first module, we explore what Christ taught in the Beatitudes and His sermons and discover how these commands form the basis for Christian commitment and behaviour. These studies are designed to promote authentic Christ honouring lives. That is, by understanding and considering the application of Christ's commands to His followers, it is expected that you will be able to live lives that are more authentically "Christian".

Each study lesson is assessed through group discussion questions, multiple-choice questions, and written responses. This assessment should help you to live the kind of life Christ expects of His followers.

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*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through  
Jesus Christ.*

John 1:17

After a while, most Christians figure out that the Old Testament is about Law and the New Testament is about Grace. Some Christians then go on to assume that Grace means “no commandments!” (since there is no “Law” in the New Testament). Under the Old Covenant there were 10 Commandments, but how many are there in the New? The number might surprise you! (A clue: *it's more than 500!*) But even more shocking to discover is not only that Jesus Christ issued commandments for His followers – but how many commandments He gave. And what He commanded he meant to be taught, studied and obeyed...

*teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And  
behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:20

