

# *Our Christian Duty*

*This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.*

As children of God, we must look for the truth in what the scriptures teach us on the true understanding of our Christian duty. There is more to being a Christian than just saying we believe in Jesus. Matthew shows us that just doing good deeds is not enough.

Matthew 7:21-23

**Verse 21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

**Verse 22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

**Verse 23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

We see in this scripture that we need to do the will of God to enter into the Kingdom, that just doing good deeds in Jesus' name is not enough.

So, what is God's will? We will discuss and explain the many things we as Christians must do to fully complete our duty. We will start with God's ten commandments, which we must keep and teach to others.

Matthew 5:17-19

**Verse 17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

**Verse 18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

**Verse 19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Revelation 12:17

**Verse 17** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 14:12

**Verse 12** Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

These scriptures show us that the commandments are forever and will never be destroyed. They also show that we are to keep the commandments, have the faith and testimony of Jesus and teach them to all. We must also believe in Jesus and follow in his footsteps.

Acts 16:30, 31

**Verse 30** And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

**Verse 31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

I Peter 2:21

**Verse 21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

John 3:16

**Verse 16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We see in these scriptures that we must believe in Jesus; he is the only begotten son and he died for our sins so that we could have everlasting life. We must live as Jesus did.

Another important duty for Christians is to spread God's word to the world. You cannot worry about what people may think of you or if it will make them hate you for what you believe.

Matthew 10:22

**Verse 22** And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

II Timothy 4:2

**Verse 2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering

**and doctrine.**

Mark 16:15, 16

**Verse 15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

**Verse 16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 15:18, 19

**Verse 18** If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

**Verse 19** If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

We must preach the gospel for those who have not heard it, even if it means that the world hates us. These scriptures also tell us that we need to repent and be baptized.

Acts 2:37, 38

**Verse 37** Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

**Verse 38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

We will be persecuted for what we believe, for saying Jesus is our saviour; but we will be blessed for staying strong, and spreading the word.

Matthew 5:10

**Verse 10** Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Colossians 3:16, 17

**Verse 16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Verse 17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

We as Christians must also keep the sabbath and walk in God's way as he requires us to do.

Exodus 31:16, 17

**Verse 16** Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant.

**Verse 17** It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Isaiah 66:22, 23

**Verse 22** For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

**Verse 23** And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Mark 2:27, 28

**Verse 27** And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

**Verse 28** Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Deuteronomy 10:12, 13

**Verse 12** And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

**Verse 13** To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Here we see that God made the Sabbath for man to rest from his hard work. To have a day to come together with other Christians and worship the Lord.

As Christians we must remember to always give thanks to the Lord, to live peaceably with all men, to be watchful as no one knows when the Lord will return. We must also be vigilant because the devil is always waiting.

I Thessalonians 5:18

**Verse 18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Romans 12:18

**Verse 18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Mark 13:35-37

**Verse 35** Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight,

**or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:**

**Verse 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.**

**Verse 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.**

I Thessalonians 5:6

**Verse 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.**

I Peter 5:8

**Verse 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

There will always be people out there that try to bring you down for what you believe. We just have to stay strong and stand up for Jesus, we will be rewarded greatly for all the persecution and the hate we deal with today.

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