Revelation 14:6-13

<u>6</u>And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, <u>7</u>Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. <u>8</u>And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

2And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image**, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **10**The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **11**And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, **who worship the beast and his image**, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. **12** Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

WHAT ARE THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD?

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And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

1 John 4:7 | View whole chapter | See verse in context

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

John 14:23 | View whole chapter | See verse in context

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and **make our <u>abode</u> with him**.

Our God is very clear what he wants in his word, he wants his sons and daughters to walk in love toward him and toward each other. He wants us to stop behaving like a beast, to walk in Love toward our neighbor, which means to stop worshipping satan and his ways and to walk as Jesus walked which was Love. We know satan would like us all to act like beasts, ----- hating and gossiping, slandering, envying, coveting, belittling each other and stealing and killing and destroying each others joy and peace and relationship with God. Worshipping our beast nature(our carnal nature) instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to come inside us and produce the Love of God in us and through us by faith.

Romans 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Are we obeying satans ways? or are we turning from his ways? Are we asking God to deliver us from our BEAST nature, are we crying out to God in faith earnestly turning from satans prideful nature? Or are we happy to **worship the beast** and act like a beast, and to be in THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST. Belittling others, making ourselves more important than everyone else, thinking of our selves, puffed up with pride just like satan was. He thought to exalt himself as God, and so fell from heaven.

2 corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed into the same image from glory to glory**, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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We worship the beast and his image by acting like him and doing his works! Let us be be conformed into Jesus image day by day.

Acts 15:8

And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;

God knows our hearts. Is our heart right before God? Have we set our heart against satan and his ways? Is our heart to escape his works and to walk as Jesus showed us?

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

If our heart is right before God, if we earnestly desire to be rid of sin in our lives, if we want to love God with ALL our heart ------ if we LET GO OF THE IDOLS IN OUR LIVES, we will hear the Holy Spirit guiding us ------ and we will hear him because that is where our heart is! If our heart is not right, we will ignore the still quite voice that leads us into all truth. We will ignore it because we prefer to act like a beast and to worship the nature of the beast. Our

forehead (our thoughts) and our hand (our actions) will show whom we follow and whom we worship and who our father is.

If we are truly repentant, ------ the Holy Spirit is able to lead and guide us out of satans ways and works. If our heart is not right, if we don't really care to turn from the fruit of sin and death, how can the Holy Spirit who is sent to guide and help us, do his refining work? How will we hear the Holy Spirit asking us to forgive and to lift up our brothers and sisters if we are happy to stay in our anger and bitterness, and while we justify this in our own minds saying they deserve no forgiveness. Well, we get no forgiveness then do we! Thats the beast at work!

Mark 11:26

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

If our heart is not right, we will choose to keep our anger and bitterness and resentment and this will cause us to gossip and slander and belittle and find fault in those around us. So we are found not obeying God but obeying satan. And are found to be unforgiven by God because we just JUDGED OURSELVES unforgiven ------ by judging someone else not worthy of forgiveness! when we know God HAS FORGIVEN ALL OUR BROTHERS IN CHRIST!

Who are we to judge when God has forgiven,

Are we going to exalt ourselves to the throne of God and sit as God in judgement of someone else when Jesus paid the price for that person to be forgiven?

Are we so proud and haughty and arrogant to do such a thing

Does Jesus suffering and sacrifice mean so little that we would then say,

"well thank you Jesus that you died for **my sins** but that person over there who hurt and offended ME doesn't deserve to be forgiven. Look what they did to me! so I choose to not forgive them" Are we saying we are more important than others? exulting the idol of self?

Don't be fooled! If our heart is not right before God, if we have idols in our heart, we WILL BE SNARED BY THE DEVIL AND THE DECEITS of satan and the secrets of our heart. We will be caught by our own pride and rebellion. The places where we choose to not obey the truth of Gods word. Because we think we know better than God.

Psalms 44:21

Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

2thessalonians 2:4

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Are we going to EXALT OURSELVES above the Knowledge of God?

<u>2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5</u> "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments & every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

If we do not OBEY Gods word and **believe** what he says is the truth, if we exalt our own thoughts and knowledge **above the knowledge of God, WE WILL BE DECEIVED AND LEAD AWAY CAPTIVE TO SIN AND DEATH and by those very lies which are exalting themselves against Gods word.**

If the word says we must forgive, we must forgive! we can't make an exception in our case because we feel justified and right in our own eyes. If the word says do not judge, then we must not judge, because if we do, we will be judged ourselves! Leave judgement to God who judges justly! Devils are always trying to get us to worship them by getting US to disobey Gods word and justify it ------ making Jesus work at the cross of no effect because we think we can justify ourselves. DON"T BE FOOLED.

If we are not willing to obey the truth and to believe the truth and walk in the truth, then our heart is not right before God ------ and we will be dragged away by the idols and lusts of our heart and find ourselves worshipping the beast(ourselves and our beast nature) and in the process, satan.

Romans 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath

Galatians 5:7

Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

If we are listening to the voice of the Lord, he will lead us to truth and peace and unity and Love. If we decide our neighbor isn't worthy of forgiveness, we are using the law to say they are guilty of the offense that we say they have committed against us. If we are under Gods grace, how can we then use the law to call our neighbor guilty of the offense? So we say we are under Gods mercy and grace, but our neighbor who offended us is not? Are we going to say Jesus paid the price for our redemption but not for our neighbor? Are we to become hypocrites as the pharisees?

God forgives me! but he doesn't forgive you brother.!!! ??????

I make mistakes still and Gods grace is sufficient for me! but you brother are under the law and are guilty!!!!!! will we be Hypocrites? !!!

When we judge our brother we put ourselves under the law! We are now under the Judgement of God under the law of sin and death. We have not Gods grace because we show none ------ we will get what we deserve because our own judgement will decide what we deserve! Are we deserving of grace because we show grace? Or are we deserving of **dying in our sin** and being found apart from God for eternity, because we

judge others guilty and so make ourselves guilty before God. By our own choice, we choose our own judgement by our judgements.

It is much wiser to let God be Judge.

Do we want to be judged by the law?

James 2:12

So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

Receive Gods grace by showing grace !!!! How JUST is our God.

HE IS SO AWESOME AND IT IS SO SIMPLE. The law of liberty.

Luke 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Are we going to put others under the law and so be judged by the law and so be found in sin and so be under the penalty of death?

1Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

If we use the law **on ourselves** or **on others** we strengthen sin and bring death upon ourselves.

We are not under the law if we remain in Gods grace ----- by not using the law. On ourselves or on others.

Galatians 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Jesus fulfilled the law! We are not under the law if we leave all judgement to God by following his commandments. His commandments are to Love!

When we are walking in Love we are obeying God! ----- Not by obeying the law of moses but by obeying the law of Love!

<u>Luke 6:27-36</u> <u>27</u>But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, <u>28</u>Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. <u>29</u>And unto him that smitch thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not *to take thy* coat also. <u>30</u>Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again. <u>31</u>And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. <u>32</u>For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. <u>33</u>And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. <u>34</u>And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for

sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <u>35</u>But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to* the evil. <u>36</u>Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

This makes no mention of the law of moses and the many other laws and ordinances found in the old testament. It mentions the correct way to live free from any of those laws. The law of Love! Those other laws were fulfilled by Jesus and we are no longer under them. We are under grace as long as we stay in his grace! How do we stay under grace? ----- by showing grace! The law of liberty.

Galatians 2:21 I do not make void the grace of God: for if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nought.

If we find fault with others, if we accuse others, if we judge others as inferior or less than ourselves, if we condemn others by their actions or deficiencies, or if we see them fall into sin or trapped by it still and esteem them unworthy of Gods grace. We have fallen from Gods grace! Why? Because Jesus paid the price for that persons faults and weaknesses and HE KNOWS THAT PERSONS HEART----WE DON'T! We are all (if our heart is right) escaping the snares of the devil under grace and BY FAITH! Are any of us pure yet? Do we want grace in our own weaknesses? Of course we do! And so does our neighbor! We all need grace.

Then SHOW GRACE in all things! And so be under grace in all things!

The law of liberty!

This also applies to the way we view ourselves. If we judge ourselves not forgiven or judge ourselves to be guilty, when God says we are covered by grace and Jesus paid the price and we are redeemed, ------ then we call God a liar and are not believing his word which says we ARE forgiven. We fall from grace because we are using the law, which has passed away----and been fulfilled by Jesus! God is looking at our hearts ----- not our sin or faults. So if our hearts are against sin and wickedness and set to walk in Love, then God sees and we are justified by faith in what Jesus did for us and not by our ability to keep the law. The Holy Spirit then guides and leads us more and more into his likeness as we continue to obey him!

Matthew 18

- 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
- **33**Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
- **34**And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

If we continue to obey him, we will hear him, if we remove idols from our hearts and walk uprightly and in truth before him. Repenting of all unrighteousness and turning and looking to Jesus to overcome, and not to ourselves, in our strength, but by prayer and supplication asking for grace to overcome in HIM, in his power, every area of our life that is not pleasing to HIM.

Galatians 3:11-12 11 Now that no man is justified by the law before God, is evident: for, The righteous shall live by faith; 12 and the law is not of faith;

When we came to Jesus, we came by faith not because we were good. We stay in Gods grace by showing grace and walking under grace by not coming under the law, by not judging under the law!

Galatians 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now perfected in the flesh?

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

It is all a gift from God, in no way can we earn our salvation! By trying to fulfill the law(Jesus did that already). So we must not come back under the law, trying to earn our salvation by attempting to obey the law. Or by using the law to judge our neighbor or even ourselves. We <u>choose</u> to obey God and turn/repent of sin in our lives and walk in love and righteousness, by grace (by not falling from grace). Under the law of liberty. Listening to the holy Spirit, coming more and more into the image of Jesus and less and less like the image of satan and the image of the beast.

Galatians 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Colossians 3:10

And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

We are born again and now have power over sin and death! We did not have power over sin and death before. Sin and death had power over us!

Luke 10:19

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Romans 6:14 It For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

We have power through Faith by grace to escape our beast nature, we simply keep choosing

the good, choosing love and peace and unity. We allow the power of the holy Spirit to flow through us and as we look **to Him** to deliver us from sin and from those things in which satan has entrapped us, **he sets us free**. We don't overcome in our strength, we repent and turn from sin and the power of the Holy Spirit sets us free. We ask God to do it. It's all been done by our Lord and saviour and we simply have to reach up into heaven by faith in humble prayer and suplication, and ask God to cleanse us and to heal our bodies and restore our souls. It is a work of the Holy Spirit and not a work of our will power. Yes we choose(we have free will) but God does the work.

Ecclesiastes 3

16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. 17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. 18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. 19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. 20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. 21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? 22 Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

Jesus died to redeem us that we have our hope in heavenly places and that we be not found to be a beast which go's downward but that we go upward to be with him for eternity. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places and our hope is in HIM.

<u>Titus 3:7</u> That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Praise the Lord God almighty for the grace to escape the power of sin and death which reigned over us and enabled us to be conformed into His image by GRACE through FAITH.

Father, we pray for eyes to be opened and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to each of us as He faithfully leads us each away from our beast nature into the image of your Son Jesus Christ. We pray for zeal and our first love to be put into each of us as we choose to edify and lift each other up in a spirit of unity and peace. We pray for opportunities to serve you God and to serve each other and that fruit be found in each of our lives. We pray for those who do not know you yet and cry out to you for the saving of their souls. More souls God . More souls. We know when two or more are gathered that you are in our midst and know that you hear our prayers. Thank you Father for the faith to believe and to shine your light and be your light among all men. We ask that you strengthen our inner man and give us hearts to praise you and worship you and to turn from all wickedness. Thank you God.

In the name of JESUS amen