

New Testament Letters Biblical Commands

Commands from Galatians

1. Gal 1:8 "Be under the judgment of God"

Gal 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Paul is commanding to the one perverting the gospel, "Be accursed!"

2. Gal 1:9 "Be under the judgment of God"

Gal 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.(NKJ)

Paul is commanding to the one perverting the gospel, "Be accursed!"

3. Gal 1:20 "Look and see" - These are not lies

Gal 1:20 (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.) (NKJ)

The command is for the believer to look into the truths written in the Scripture with the expressed realization that they are not lies

4. Gal 3:7 "Know" - The true children of Abraham are those who have believed

Gal 3:7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. (NKJ)

Only those believing as Abraham are the true children of Abraham

5. Gal 4:12 "Become as I am" - Follow my example

Gal 4:12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all. (NKJ)

Follow Godly examples

6. Gal 4:21 "Speak to me" - Those in disagreement, let us reason.

Gal 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? (NKJ)

If you disagree, reason with the scriptures and seek the truth.

7. Gal 4:27 "Rejoice," "Break forth" and "Shout" - An Old Testament quote - for the works of the Lord

Gal 4:27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband." (NKJ)

8. Gal 4:30 "Drive out" - An Old Testament quote - Remove the legalism

Gal 4:30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." (NKJ)

9. Gal 5:1 "Stand fast" "Be not entangled"

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (NKJ)

Two commands are found here relating to the "liberty" of the life of faith. Salvation was gained by faith and the Christian life is to be lived by faith.

10. Gal 5:2 "Look" or "Behold" – Revisiting legal commands is of no profit

Gal 5:2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. (NKJ)

Practicing legalism is no profit as compared to living by faith.

11. Gal 5:13 "By love serve one another"

Gal 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (NKJ)

The positive command of this verse is that we serve one another by means of love. If love is defined it involves serving along the line of God's commands.

12. Gal 5:15 "Take heed/Beware that we do not destroy one another"

Gal 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! (NKJ)

The opposite of loving the brethren is to devour them. This is prohibited.

13. Gal 5:16 "Walk in the Spirit"

Gal 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (NKJ)

The command is clear and straight forward: We are to walk in the Spirit.

14. Gal 6:1 "Restore those overtaken by temptation"

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. (NKJ)

15. Gal 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens and fulfill the law of Christ"

Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (NKJ)

Two related commands are found here in that the law of Christ is that we love one another by obeying commands towards each other. This fulfills the law of Christ.

16. Gal 6:4 "Examine or put to the test our own works"

Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. (NKJ)

17. Gal 6:6 "Those taught the Word share good things with those teaching"

Gal 6:6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. (NKJ)

The command here is for giving. Those receiving benefit from those ministering are to share materially.

18. Gal 6:7 "Do not be deceived"

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (NKJ)

We will reap what we sow. Giving is pictured as sowing.

19. Gal 6:11 "See my large handwriting"

Gal 6:11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! (NKJ)

Paul is asking the recipients to look at his large writing.

20. Gal 6:17 "Do not trouble me"

Gal 6:17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. (NKJ)

We are commanded not to be troublemakers and bring down trouble for those working hard for the Lord.

Commands in Galatians – Summary

1. Judge apostasy #1,2
2. Look at God's Truths, Know, and Reason when in disagreement #3,4,6,10,19
3. Follow Godly persons as examples #5
4. Rejoice and Shout over God's Works #7
5. Remove external legalisms, stand fast and don't become entangled #8,9
6. Serve one another in love not destroying one another #11,12
7. Walk in the Spirit #13
8. Restore tempted and fallen believers #14
9. Bear the burdens of one another #15
10. Examine, prove and perfect our own good works #16
11. Share materially with those ministering not being deceived on what we sow we will reap #17,18
12. Don't be trouble to those busily serving the Lord. #20