

**Series: Faith By the Numbers**

**Title: The 2 Commandments of Christ**

**Text:** (Matt 22:35-40)

**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 5:12)

**The Devil Will Temp (Test) Our Knowledge of God's Word:** (Matt 22:35a)

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

**1. The Garden of Eden:** (Gen 3:1-5)

**2. The temptation of Christ:** (Luk 4:9-13)

**B. Satan Is Still Doing It Today:** (2 Pet 3:3-4)

**There Are Those Who Believe They are Followers of Christ, But Their Responses to Christ Show They Are Not:** (Matt 22:35b) *a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying "Master"*

**A. Example of Judas:** (Matt 26:48-50)

**B. Apparent Spiritual Gifts Do Not Prove One is a Follow of Christ:** (Matt 7:22-23)

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

(Luke 6:46)

(John 10:26-27)

**The Two Commandments of Christ:**

*These 2 Responsibilities Will That Bring Us Victory*

**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:**

**1. All your Heart -** The Seat of Your Emotions

(Heb 4:12)

(2 Cor 10:5)

(Jeremiah 17:9)

*Illus: Find a funny Illustration where love made someone do crazy Things.*

**2. All Your Soul -** The Human Will

(Rom 8:28-29)

**3. All Your Mind** The Center of Our Thought Processes

**Loving Your Neighbor As Yourself Will Keep Your Battles From Returning:**

**A. Your 2nd Responsibility is to Man:** (Matt 22:38)

**B. Our Responsibility to Others is Outlined in the Bible:**

(Rom 15:1-2)(Phil 4:13)(Gal 6:2)

**On These Two Hang All the Law and the Prophets:**

**A. The Law and the Prophets are the Summation of all the OT Biblical Teachings:** God's Written Word until the Time of Christ.

**Commandments 1-4: Covers our Responsibility to God:**  
(Exodus 21:1-20)

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

**Commandments 5-10: Covers our Responsibility to Others:**

5. Honour thy father and thy mother
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. thou shalt nor bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

**B. Correlation Between the 2 Commandments of Christ and the Two Fold Purpose of the Law:** (Ex 20:20)

*And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, (Purge sin from our lives)*

*and that his fear*

(The Constant Awareness of God's Presence and my accountability to Him)

*may be before your faces, that ye sin not.*

(To Keep Sin from Ruling Your Lives)

(Living in Defeat: w/o Victory)

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

Meeting our 1st Responsibility to love God fully will purge sin from our lives and remove the barriers to Victory.  
(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.*

Meeting our 2nd Responsibility to love our Neighbor as our self will keep defeat from returning, fulfilling the second purpose of the Law, keeping sin from ruling your life.  
(Ex 20:20b) *that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.*

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

Jesus, Others, You!