

# What Did the Early Church Teach About the Ten Commandments?

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The early church understood the Ten Commandments summarize man's responsibility to God and fellowman based on Messiah's teaching. Jesus Christ took the first four commandments and showed that by observing these we express our love and respect toward our Father (Mt. 22:36-38). He then took the last six commandments and showed that by observing these we express our love and respect toward our fellow man (Mt. 7:12; 22:39-40; Gal. 5:14; Jas. 2:8).

If we love God and the brethren, we will keep the commandments which include the observance of the Sabbath and Holy Days (1Jn. 5:1-3; Heb. 10:25; Col. 2:16). This is central to identifying the church that Christ leads.

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