

Revolution

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REVOLUTION

“These that have turned
the world upside down”
Acts 17:6

Contradictions & Words



Commission

to formally choose someone to do a special piece of work, or to formally ask for a special piece of work from someone

a group of people entrusted by a government or other official body with authority to do something.



Command

to control someone or something and tell him, her, or it what to do

command, order, bid, enjoin, direct, instruct, charge mean to issue orders. command and order imply authority

Gospel

- ▶ God loves us - [John 3:16](#)
- ▶ Wants to Fellowship with us
- ▶ Sin gets in the way - [Romans 3:23](#)
- ▶ Sin requires Death - [Romans 6:23](#)
- ▶ Jesus paid in Full - [John 19:30](#)
- ▶ It's a gift to be taken - [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) , [Acts 2:21](#)
- ▶ We are forgiven, redeemed and restored
- ▶ We are a new creation - [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)
- ▶ We have fellowship with God the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
- ▶ We are loved - [Song of Solomon 2:4](#) , [Song of Solomon 2:16](#)
- ▶ And commanded to love - [John 13:34](#)

Commanded

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And He said to him,

“ ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. ’

³⁸ This is the great and [o]foremost commandment.

³⁹ The second is like it,

‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF. ’

⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:36-40

LOVE

▶ God Is Love

- ▶ ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is ^[a]born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ By this the love of God was manifested ^[b]in us, that God has sent His ^[c]only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

LOVE

Compassion

- ▶ Suffer with
- ▶ Motivated to do something
 - ▶ Empathy
 - ▶ But its more than Sympathy
- ▶ The Greek Bible word used is *splagchnizomai* ,
which we can inadequately translate in English as 'to have compassion'. In the Greek, its meaning is a bit stronger than that. It's more along the lines of being so moved by something that you feel it deep in your stomach.
The closest translation that we have is, possibly, 'gut-wrenched'.

Just Social Action

- ▶ The Excellence of Love
- ▶ 13 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.³ And **if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor***, and if I surrender my body [a]to be burned, **but do not have love, it profits me nothing.**

On the crowd - pain

- ▶ Matthew 9:36
- ▶ Seeing the people, He felt **compassion** for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.
- ▶ Matthew 14:14
- ▶ When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt **compassion** for them and healed their sick.

In Grief

- ▶ [Luke 7:13](#) -¹² Now as He approached the gate of the city, ^[h]a dead man was being carried out, the ^[i]only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, “^[j]Do not weep.” ¹⁴ And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise!” ¹⁵ The ^[k]dead man sat up and began to speak. And *Jesus* gave him back to his mother

Friends in their Grief

▶ John 11

- ▶ ³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her *also* weeping, He was **deeply moved** in spirit and was troubled,
- ▶ ³⁴ and said, “Where have you laid him?” They *said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”
- ▶ ³⁵ Jesus wept.
- ▶ ³⁶ So the Jews were saying, “See how He loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, [i] have kept this man also from dying?”

Physical well being - Food

- ▶ Matthew 15:32

- ▶ And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, “I feel **compassion** for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.”

Rejected - Zacchaeus

- ▶ 19 He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. ³ Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a ^[a]sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ And he hurried and came down and received Him ^[b]gladly. ⁷ When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, "He has gone ^[c]to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

Luke 19:1

The lost - The woman at the well

- ▶ ⁷ There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Therefore the Samaritan woman *said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)
- ▶ ¹⁶ He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." ¹⁹ The woman *said to Him, "[d]Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.
- ▶ ²⁸ So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not [f]the Christ, is it?" ³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

And so....

► Philippians 2:1

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any [a]affection and compassion,

² make my joy complete [b]by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Take away

- ▶ Can't do it on my own
- ▶ Be like Jesus
- ▶ Judge not
- ▶ Helper

Do...

▶ Colossians 3:12

- ▶ So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

Be like Jesus

▶ 2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face,
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Be like Jesus

► Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude [e]in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be [f]grasped, ⁷ but [g]emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men

Philippians 2:1

Judge not

But go and learn what this means:

'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,'

for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." -

Matthew 9:13

Luke 6:37

"Do not **judge**, and you will not be **judged**; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.

Matthew 7

For in the way you **judge**, you will be **judged**;
and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.
Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye,
but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Helper

▶ John 14:26

But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Faith & Works

Matthew 25:35-40

For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink?

James 2:15 ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, [o]be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that? ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it has no works, is [p]dead, *being* by itself.

Seek Compassion

- ▶ Share the pain
- ▶ Resolve to do something
- ▶ In the small
- ▶ And the big
- ▶ Jesus came to show the father
- ▶ Show people Jesus in word and deed

GOD IS LOVE
Children of Love