

The Great Commission is to Teach Torah

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The Church puts a lot of emphasis on this Great Commission and rightfully so. The Great Commission is found at the end of Matthew. Note, for biblical references for this article I am using the King James Version (KJV) and have replaced Jesus with Y'shua, The Lord with YHVH, God with Elohim and Law with Torah.

The Great Commission Defined

Mat 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Y'shua had appointed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Y'shua came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you**: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Was Y'shua's commandments to only "love YHVH with all your heart sole and mind, and to love your brother per [Mat 22:37-40](#)? Isn't this what 'Churchianity' with their anti-Torah bias argues? If you go back to where Y'shua's supposed two and only two commandments are mentioned, the question that was asked of Y'shua was not what are your brand new commandments we should follow, but rather "...which is the **great commandment in the Torah?**" (see verse 36) . In verses 37 & 38, Y'shua answers by quoting from the Torah specifically the last verse of the Sh'ma ([Deu 6:4-5](#)) and states that this is the first and greatest. In verse 39 Y'shua quotes (again from the Torah) in part [Lev 19:18](#). And finally in verse 40 he states "On these two commandments hang **all the Torah and the prophets.**"

The two categories of the Ten Commandments

Is Y'shua replacing the Torah with his own two commandments supporting "Churchianity's" replacement / dispensational theology? What are these two Torah referenced commandments Y'shua refers to? These are first the relationship you have with Elohim and second your relationship with man. The two together is a summary of the Ten Commandments. What are the Ten Commandments? They are a summarization of all the commandments of the Torah.

It seems clear to me that Y'shua's was not being asked what are his two commandments but rather what is the greatest (and the second greatest) commandments. His commandments are **all** the commandments of Torah and **they all** hang on one's relationship with Elohim and man.

Therefore regarding The Great Commission...

- What is 'The Great Commission' ... **TEACH TORAH!**
- How is Israel (of which I claim to be of and so is the Church if properly understood) going to be a blessing to the nations per Gen 18:18, Gen 22:18, Gen 26:4 and Gal 3:8? ... **TEACH TORAH!**
- Who will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven ([Mat 5:17-20](#)) ... those who **TEACH TORAH!**
- If the mission statement of the Great Commission "to fix/restore this world according to the Kingdom of God" (in Hebrew "Tikkun olam b'malkhut Shaddai") then I say that the mission statement of the Great Commission is "to fix this world according to the Kingdom of God" (in Hebrew "Tikkun olam b'malkhut Shaddai"), so how will this be accomplished first and foremost ... **TEACH TORAH!**

Verse References

Deu 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: YHVH our Elohim *is* one YHVH: ⁵ And thou shalt love YHVH thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, ^{H5358 naqam} nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* YHVH.

Mat 22:35-40 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying, ³⁶ Master, which *is* the great commandment in the Torah? ³⁷ Y'shua said unto him, Thou shalt love YHVH Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the prophets.

More New Testament Verse References

Rom 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Jas 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Luke 10:25-37 - The Shema, The Golden Rule The Parable of the Good Samaritan

These verses in Luke are similar to [Mat 22:35-40](#). In Luke, Y'shua commends the lawyer for quoting the Shema and then he (Y'shua) segues into The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Luk 10:25-37 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? ²⁶ He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? ²⁷ And he answering said, Thou shalt love the YHWH thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. ²⁸ And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. ²⁹ But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Y'shua, And who is my neighbour? ³⁰ And Y'shua answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. ³¹ And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*, ³⁴ And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. ³⁶ Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? ³⁷ And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Y'shua unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Who will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven

Mat 5:17-20 Think not that I am come to destroy the Torah, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ^{G4137 18} For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one **jot** or one **tittle** shall in no wise pass from the Torah, till all be fulfilled. ^{G1096 19} Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

References

Parallel Gospel of Mat 22:34-40 and Mar 12:28-34

Mat 22:34-40	Mar 12:28-34
<p>34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.</p> <p>35 Then one of them, <i>which was</i> a lawyer, asked <i>him a question</i>, tempting him, and saying,</p> <p>36 Master, which <i>is</i> the great commandment in the law?</p> <p>37 Y'shua said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.</p> <p>38 This is the first and great commandment.</p> <p>39 And the second <i>is</i> like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.</p> <p>40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.</p>	<p>28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?</p> <p>29 And Y'shua answered him, The first of all the commandments <i>is</i>, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:</p> <p>30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this <i>is</i> the first commandment.</p> <p>31 And the second <i>is</i> like, <i>namely</i> this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.</p> <p>32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:</p> <p>33 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 <i>his</i> neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.</p> <p>34 And when Y'shua saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, <u>Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.</u> And no man after that durst ask him <i>any question</i>.</p>

ToDo: Expand on this by showing how Adam failed to inform Eve, and how Christians would like to claim how many people they have lead to Christ, when all they have done is lead them in to believing that the Torah was nailed to the cross and is, heaven forbid, a curse.

ToDo: finish the article on the Good Samaritan that I have already started.