



CrossWalk NOTES

God's Top Ten

The First Commandment.

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You shall have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:3)

1. God's commandments are a blessing because they tell us the truth.

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." (Matthew 22:36-37)

2. Why is the First Commandment the greatest? Two reasons.

"The people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise." (Isaiah 43:21)

- **God made us.**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

- **God bought us back.**

3. We stumble in our relationship with God when we

- **flirt with other Gods.**
- **don't spend time with God.**
- **put God in a box.**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 4:25-5:2)

4. What I cannot do, God did through Jesus. What I cannot be,

God is through Jesus. Because Jesus is my substitute, I am

forgiven!

*Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Psalm 73:23-26*

Next steps in the CrossWalk

1. Take time to reflect. Be honest about the ways you've broken God's first commandment.
2. With the assurance of God's forgiveness on your heart, make a commitment to spend time with God's Facebook every day. Be specific and make a date. Make it the most important part of your day.
3. Memorize Psalm 73:23-26, or copy it and place it somewhere you'll see it every day.