

“I am not what I ought to be,
I am not what I want to be,
I am not what I hope to be
in another world.

“But still: I am not
what I once used to be,
and by the grace of God
I am what I am.”

~John Newton

Leviticus 11:45

I am the LORD who brought you up
out of the land of Egypt to be your God.
You shall therefore be holy,
for I am holy.

Leviticus 20:26

You shall be holy to me,
for I the LORD am holy,
and have separated you from the peoples,
that you should be mine.

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, preparing your minds for action,
and being sober-minded, set your hope fully
on the grace that will be brought to you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

As obedient children, do not be conformed
to the passions of your former ignorance,
but as he who called you is holy,
you also be holy in all your conduct,
since it is written,
“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Matthew 5:48

“You therefore must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Colossians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,

To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ
at Colosse:

Grace and peace to you
from God our Father.

Colossians 1:3-6a

We always thank God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
when we pray for you, because we have heard
of your faith in Christ Jesus
and of the love you have for all the saints –
the faith and love that spring from the hope
that is stored up for you in heaven
and that you have already heard about
in the word of truth, the gospel
that has come to you.

Colossians 1:6b-8

All over the world this gospel
is bearing fruit and growing,
just as it has been doing among you
since the day you heard it and understood
God's grace in all its truth.

You learned it from Epaphras,
our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful
minister of Christ on our behalf,
and who also told us of your love
in the Spirit.

Colossians 1:9

For this reason, since the day we heard about you,
we have not stopped praying for you
and asking God to fill you with
the knowledge of his will
through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:10-12

And we pray this in order that
you may live a life worthy of the Lord
and may please him in every way:
bearing fruit in every good work,
growing in the knowledge of God,
being strengthened with all power
according to his glorious might so that
you may have great endurance and patience,
and joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has qualified you to share
in the inheritance of the saints
in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us
from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom
of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold,
a bright cloud overshadowed them,
and a voice from the cloud said:

“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.
Listen to him.”

The Year of Living Biblically



Summary of the Ten Commandments

1. Acknowledge God as Lord, and worship him only
2. Worship him his way only, with all one's life, heart!
3. Have reverence for his Name (i.e., his reputation)
4. Keep his Day, the Lord's Day, set apart unto him
5. Honor those in rightful authority over you
6. Affirm and enhance life (i.e., vs. anger!)
7. Affirm and enhance love (i.e., vs. lust!)
8. Affirm and enhance wellbeing (i.e., vs. greed!)
9. Speak truthfully (i.e., vs. false witness and lying!)
10. Cultivate thankfulness and generosity
(vs. discontentment!)

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