4) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

5) Thou shalt not covet.

Jesus Christ summarized all of the Ten Commandments in two commands. The first command embodied all of ***the first five*** of the Ten Commandments, and the second command encompassed all of ***the last five*** of the Ten Commandments. Upon these two commands hang all the law and the prophets. ***All of the law*** includes the Ten Commandments and the appendages of that law as contained in the Statues and Judgments.

St. Mark 12:28-31

"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? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear O Israel; The Eternal our God is one Yahweh: And thou shalt love Yahweh they Elohim with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbout as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

In the above Scripture Jesus Christ again summarized the Ten Commandments into two commands. Again, the first five of the Ten Commandments summed up man's relationship to Yahweh, and the last five of the Ten Commandments summarized man's duty towards his neighbour. It is important to note that Jesus Christ is taking you back to Deuteronomy 6:4 in Mark 12:29. The Scriptures in Mark 12:28-31 are built upon the Old Testament foundation. Apart from the Ten Commandments of the Old Testatment Scripture, there would be no foundation for the two great commandments into which Jesus Christ summarized the law. The first table of law contained man's duty toward Yahweh, and the latter table summarized man's duty toward his neighbour. ***All of the Ten Commandments are summarized in St. Mark 12:28-31.***

St. Mark 7:5-13

"Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hyprocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them. Full well ye reject the commandments of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me, he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or mother. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered; and many such like things do ye."

In the above discussion Jesus Christ charged the Pharisees with laying aside the commands of Yahweh in preference for the commandments of men. The Pharisees were bent on setting aside the Ten commandments in preference to their own religious traditions. People who insist on setting aside the Ten

People who insist on setting aside the Ten Commandments written by Yahweh in preference for their own religious rules, customs, and regulations are modern Pharisees. Whenever we set aside the Ten Commandments in preference to our religious traditions, we make the Word of God of none effect. When men reject the Ten Commandments of Yahweh, they always will substitute their own laws and traditions. May Jesus Christ inspire His people to turn from their religious traditions and walk in obedience to the ten divine commands of Almighty God. The mention of the fifth commandment in Mark 7:10 is absolute confirmation that Jesus Christ had the Ten Commandments in mind when He upbraided the Pharisees for setting aside the commandments of God.

St. Matthew 19:16-19

"And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Notice in Matthew 19:17 that Jesus Christ associated keeping the commandments with eternal life. This fact should cause every Christian to take a second look at the Ten Commandments and his relationship to these Divine Commands. Jesus Christ emphasized most of the Commandments that involve man's duty toward his neighbour. If a man is in right relationship with his neighbor, he will be in proper relationship with his Eternal God. ***The Ten Commandments cannot be separated from the subject of eternal life in Jesus Christ***. This is more than sufficient grounds for every Christian to walk by these Holy Commands.

St. Matthew 5:21-22

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall Kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou Fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus Christ went up to a mountain to deliver His sermon on law. His going up to the mountain invites comparison to Moses going up to Mt. Sinai. In the above Scriptures Jesus Christ did not set aside commandment six, which was "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13). Jesus Christ magnified the law by declaring that if a man hated his brother without cause, he was guilty of murder. I John 3:15 declares: ***"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him".***

Under the Old Covenant judicial system, a man must be found guilty of overt murder by two or three witnesses to be in violation of one of the Ten Commandments. When Jesus Christ came to magnify the law, he dealt with sin in the human heart. For a man to be angry at his brother without a cause made him guilty of violating the sixth commandment. Jesus Christ did not destroy the Ten Commandments, He magnified the law and dealt with sin in the heart, the origin of all sin. ***St. Matthew 5:21-22 confirms and validates the Ten Commandments.***

St. Matthew 5:27-29

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

In the above Scripture Jesus Christ confirmed and magnified the seventh commandment. Under Old Covenant law, a man must have been convicted of the overt act of adultery in the mouth of two or three witnesses. Jesus Christ declared that a man was guilty of the crime of adultery if he looked upon a woman to lust after her. Again, Jesus Christ upheld the authority of the Seventh Commandment and intensified man's responsibility under Law. The Ten Commandments are validated in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

St. Mark 7:1-23

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile that man."

In the above Scripture Jesus Christ deals with several major sins that are encompassed in the Ten Commandments. The sins of adultery, murder, stealing, covetousness, blasphemy, and others named in Mark 7:21-23 are found in the Ten Commandments. Jesus Christ came to deal with the eradication of sin from the human heart. This was to be accomplished in the threefold plan of salvation as articulated in Scripture.

The salvation of the elect was purposed by God the Father from the foundation of the world. God's purpose in electing a company of people to salvation was made possible through the shed