

# The Free Christian

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# 1 Preface

## 1.1 Using hints

It may happen that I will address you, the reader, directly. It may also happen that, whenever human beings in general are mentioned, I will use a potentially existing masculine form. My intension is to create a comfortable, casual atmosphere, and to ease reading flow. Of course, my dear reader, totally independent of your actual gender or sex, I am not making any assumptions about you, and you will have my fullest respect.

## 1.2 Thank you!

Next I want to state my cordial thanks to you, my dear reader, that you decided to take a look into this eBook. Of course, I hope that you also will read it until the end, and that you will watch its development. I am not a 100 percent sure that it will be finished one day, because possibly there will always be new thoughts, or new material that can be included in here. This here is a Christian document. My intention is to communicate moral values to you, especially as they are wished by **GOD**, the **LORD**, and **HIS SON JESUS CHRIST**, by best knowledge and conscience. As you can tell of this preface, words, which directly relate to **GOD**, **JESUS** or also to the **HOLY SPIRIT**, are written in capital and bold letters. If something is near to your heart, or you have general ideas, I invite you sincerely, to participate in my [GitHub discussion](#).

## 1.3 Some words about myself

Myself was baptized catholic, as far as I remember correctly, at the age of one or two, but I left church in mid-August 2023. The reasons for this are of private nature, and are not relevant here. But it does not have soething to do with my belief. I myself believe that **GOD** exists, and that **JESUS** is the **MESSIAH**. But although, it does not mean that I am a kind of "perfect Christian", if such a person exists at all nowadays. You can read more about me in chapter "My life with **GOD**".

# 2 What makes up a "Free Christian"?

## 2.1 No church community

A Free Christian is not bound to a church community. That means, you can, but you do not have to be baptized. You can also have left your church. That does not play a role at all. The only important thing is, to let **GOD**, the **LORD**, and **JESUS CHRIST** come into your life, and that you confess yourself to **THEM**.

## 2.2 The True Bond

The only true, existing bond is between **GOD**, **JESUS CHRIST** and me. When you confess yourself to **THEM**, you cherish your relationship sincerely. Mundane bonds (*relationships*) are ephemeral, although it is not less important, to also cherish them warmly.

## 2.3 The Bible as a "tool"

If it serves the relationship between **GOD**, **JESUS** and me, I have the freedom to interpret biblical passages better, that means more modern or more understandable, and rephrase them accordingly. But this is **not a "licence"**, to rewrite the Word of **GOD** by free convenience, and then for example to bend **HIS** will, as it was done willingly in the past by the catholic church, according to my information and my research.

## 3 The Ten Commandments

The traditional 10 commandments are usually handed down from the viewpoint of **GOD**, that means in the form "Thou shalt (not) ...". Below are the 10 commandments from your own viewpoint, as if yourself would talk to **GOD**, and make them a promise to **HIM**. They are also worked out a bit better, because on closer consideration, some commandments can be summarized. Of course, that does not mean that I refuse, or decline the traditional **GOD** given commandments. I just want to show another perspective. In addition I will call them "Offers", to emphasize the good will of both sides.

### 3.1 The Highest Offer is ...

I will love and praise **GOD**, the **LORD**, sincerely with all of my heart. And I will love my neighbour, as I also do myself.

### 3.2 The First Offer

**THOU** art the **LORD**, my **GOD**, my **SAVIOUR**. I will not have other gods before or besides **THEE**, and I will not praise or worship them. And I will not create an idol or a graven image.

### 3.3 The Second Offer

**THOU** art the **LORD**, my **GOD**. I will not misuse **THY** name. I will not slander or blaspheme against **THEE**. And I will confess myself honestly to **THEE**.

### 3.4 The Third Offer

**THOU** art the **LORD**, my **GOD**. I will not put **THEE** to the test. I will not try **THEE**. I also will confess myself to **THEE** in need.

### 3.5 The Fourth Offer

**THOU** art the **LORD**, my **GOD**. I will sanctify and keep the Sabbath to **THEE**. On Sabbath I will stay abstinent of fleshly and addictive things.

### 3.6 The Fifth Offer

I will praise my farther and my mother. And I will praise Elder People.

### **3.7 The Sixth Offer**

I will not kill or murder. I will cherish my relationships. I will respect life and the wellbeing of all living beings, and I will protect them as far as possible.

### **3.8 The Seventh Offer**

I will not commit adultery. I will not covet my neighbour's woman or wife. I will not covet my neighbour's man or husband.

### **3.9 The Eighth Offer**

I will not steal or betray. I will not rob or kidnap. I will not covet my neighbour's house. I will not covet my neighbour's belongings. I will not cause harm to my neighbour's belongings.

### **3.10 The Ninth Offer**

I will not bear false witness against my neighbour. I will not lie or betray. I will not swear. I will act honestly and fairly against my neighbour.

## **4 My life with GOD**

This big chapter is a kind of diary, how I experience my journey with and to **GOD**, and all the things a may learn on it.