

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.

3.1 The Highest Commandment 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 Commandment

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 Commandment

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 Commandment

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 Das fünfte Gebot

Ich will meinen Vater und meine Mutter ehren. Und ich will Ältere Menschen ehren.

3.6 Das sechste Gebot

Ich will nicht töten. Ich will meine Beziehungen pflegen. Ich will das Leben und Wohlergehen allen Lebens respektieren, und nach Möglichkeit auch schützen.

3.7 Das siebte Gebot

Ich will nicht die Ehe brechen. Ich will nicht die Frau meines Nächsten begehren. Ich will nicht den Mann meiner Nächsten begehren.

3.8 Das achte Gebot

Ich will nicht rauben oder stehlen. Ich will nicht betrügen oder entführen. Ich will nicht begehren meines Nächsten Haus. Ich will nicht begehren meines Nächsten Hab und Gut. Ich will dem Hab und Gut meines Nächsten keinen Schaden zufügen.

3.9 Das neunte Gebot

Ich will nicht falsch Zeugnis geben wider meinem Nächsten. Ich will nicht lügen oder betrügen. Ich will nicht schwören. Ich will gegenüber meinem Nächsten ehrlich und gerecht handeln.

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.