

## 28<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

So – if I asked you “What must we do to gain eternal life?” What would you say?

There are 613 different commandments in the Torah

PS 15 refines them down to 11

Is 33:15 refines them further to 6

Micha 6:8 gets them to 3

Is 56:1 gets them down to 2

(back cover of missalette)

Amos reduces it to 1 “Seek God & live)

AUGUSTINE uses 1 too

Jesus starts with the 10 commandments (but note which ones he lists)

10 commandments are in 2 parts

First 3 deal with our relationship with God

I am the Lord thy God, thou shall not have strange Gods before you

Honor the Sabbath

Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain

**(But Jesus doesn’t mention these)**

The rest all deal with our relationship with each other

**The Rich Young Man asks – what must I do to inherit eternal life**

He is so God-focused (Eternal Life) He’s missing people!

- So Jesus says, ‘look around’, sell and give to the poor

- Same with us - Is ‘Church’ **Me&God** or **Us&God**?

In life

**Sometimes** we need all 613 rules of Torah to guide us

**Other times** God calls us to come deeper by saying “One thing more you must do”

That’s what the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is talking about:

“God’s word is sharper than a 2-edged sword – cutting, penetrating, & dividing”

Jesus cuts the Rich Young Man to the quick – “One thing more you must do . . .”

Is Jesus saying the same thing to us – “One thing more you must do (not 613, just 1) . . .”

- Forgive your sister you’re not speaking with |WHAT IS YOUR

- Help the neighbor you can’t stand |ONE MORE

- Sell what you have and give to the poor |THING?

- Skip the rum after work and go home and hug your wife

The Rich Young Man had a good heart, he kept the commandments, JC looks at him and loves him.

So – JC tells the Rich Young Man that ONE MORE THING he should do

And he goes away sad, for he had many possessions

What possessions are getting in the way of our coming closer to Jesus?

JOB RUM PRIDE ENVY JEALOUSY RESENTMENTS

JC – “How hard it is for the wealthy to enter the Kingdom”

Disciples amazed! So JC says it again (*Camel Eye*) **NB** when J says it 2x . . .

Disciples were exceedingly astonished!

*Then who can be saved?* If a rich person (clearly with God’s favor) can’t do it -

(Teaching about belief that wealth was a sign of God’s blessing)

So Jesus teaches them that what you give up you get back 100 fold

1. What do you get back? Everything except FATHERS (there’s only 1)

2. Why do you give it up? For Christ sake and sake of Gospel

*Not for eternal life*

You do it for love of God & heaven follows

3. How do you get it back? 100 fold - *with persecution* (we’ll carry our cross)

Source of our Victory