

## Theology Simply Explained — CC103 “Dead Men Keep No Commandments”

**Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 103—especially explaining how the remaining of the dead, former self within the believer means that even he does not keep God’s commandments perfectly in this life.**

Q103. Can any man keep these ten commandments perfectly? ***No mere man, since the fall of Adam, ever did or can keep the ten commandments perfectly.***

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Sofia your catechism question. This week is, can any man keep These Ten Commandments perfectly and your answer is. No mere man, since the fall of Adam ever did, or can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly.

Although you are correct. Yesterday. Children's catechism time. There was the The question that was answered from. a verse in Ecclesiastes about whether there is just a man who does only good. On Earth, and you whispered to me, there aren't any on Earth but there is one in heaven.

and you meant, you meant Jesus. But also, The Souls of the just who are passed into glory. Are. As the scripture says, the souls are just made perfect. the problem. For us, however, is when we come into this world, We are dead in trespasses and transgressions. Ephesians 2 says.

So, Not physically dead. Although some do die very quickly even before they are born. But it's talking about. Being spiritually, dead. And those who are spiritually dead. Can of course, just like a dead person can do, no physical things, a physically dead person. A spiritually dead person. Can do.

Spiritually. Good things. This is why. When Hebrews in chapter 6 and chapter 9 talks about, Repentance unto life. It talks about repentance from dead works. So for instance, Hebrews chapter 9, verse 14. How much more shall the blood of Christ? Who through the Eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God?

Cleanse your conscience from dead works. To serve. The Living God. That's reminding us. Not only that we were dead apart from Christ and so we did only that which was evil. But it's also teaching us that so long as the old man remains with us, our former Self from whom there is death.

Remains with us. That there are works that we do. All of our works are either live works that are done in Christ. Or dead works that are done from Our flesh and that there is a mixture. Of that, and everything that we do, So that even a believer in this life does nothing without sin.

He does things that are genuinely good but his sinfulness his that dead part of That part of himself, which remains from the dead man, is always there. And so, No one can keep these Commandments perfectly even Those who are in Christ. Because the flush remains they do not keep.

The Commandments perfectly and of course, Those who are outside of Christ. Cannot keep his Commandments perfectly even for a moment. Even once. So, the idea that someone could save himself by works or prepare himself to be saved. By works. Is a very wicked lie and trick of the devil.

Many people, when they hear. About the punishment of God that they deserve. How bad their sin is, and that they must come to Christ. To receive him. So that he will be their righteousness and he will be their sacrifice. They think something along the lines, they fall into the deception.

Of thinking that they have to prepare themselves to come to Christ, they need to get themselves in a good place to do that or There are things they need to put away first or whatever it is. But no. That is impossible. therefore when we think about the Ten Commandments, We must not think of the Ten Commandments as a way of preparing ourselves to be saved.

If we're not saved. Or as a way of earning from God, that which Works deserve. Because they all deserve punishment. They're not done perfectly, they're not dead. Righteously because of the mixture of sin that is in them. We must instead think of the Ten Commandments describing to us, the sort of life that is lived in Union with Christ.

So, the Obedience that you seek from God? To produce in you from Jesus. So, you should Delight in the Ten Commandments, you should be devoted to doing what the Ten Commandments require. But, very importantly, you must be dependent upon Jesus. For doing these things and that makes it even more important to do them.

So that Christ will be glorified by our doing them because he is the only way. That we could to them. So can any man keep these Ten Commandments perfectly? And your answer is no mere man since the fall of Adam ever did, or can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly.

So no mere man since the fall of Adam Ever did or can. Keep the Ten Commandments perfectly. No mere man since the fall of Adam. Ever did or can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly.