

# Why We Commit to Jesus

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See why you might be committing to Jesus, and learn where that might take you.

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## › TEXT

**Psalm 119:113–120 KJV 1900**

<sup>113</sup> SAMECH.

I hate *vain* thoughts:

But thy law do I love.

<sup>114</sup> Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield:

I hope in thy word.

<sup>115</sup> Depart from me, ye evildoers:

For I will keep the commandments of my God.

<sup>116</sup> Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live:

And let me not be ashamed of my hope.

<sup>117</sup> Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe:

And I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

<sup>118</sup> Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes:

For their deceit *is* falsehood.

<sup>119</sup> Thou putttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross:

Therefore I love thy testimonies.

<sup>120</sup> My flesh trembleth for fear of thee;

And I am afraid of thy judgments.

## › SUMMARY

Scriptural realities for why we commit to Jesus:

1. We fear His judgments
2. We hope for His grace, blessings, and promises
3. We love His path, person, and precepts

This seems to be a sequential process, though not absolute.

Why do you commit to Jesus?

## › INTRO

It's a good idea to ask yourself: Why?

We have been talking about the cost and frequency of committing to Jesus.

Today, I want to consider three reason why you might commit to Jesus.

## › MESSAGE

Why do we commit to Jesus?

## #1 We fear His judgments.

Jonah: eventual obeyed out of fear but nothing more than that.

## #2 We hope for His grace, blessings, and promises.

Grace: thief on the cross

Blessings: crowds that followed Jesus; Judas

Promises: Paul in hope of rewards at the Judgement seat

## #3 We love His path, Person, and precepts.

Path: 11 Disciples

Person: Peter, James, and John

**John 6:66–69 KJV 1900**

<sup>66</sup> From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. <sup>67</sup> Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? <sup>68</sup> Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

Precepts: David, though he did not always follow them, loved God's ways.

## › CONCLUSION

Why do you commit to Jesus?

Even if it is because you fear His judgments, you must know He loves you.

Ultimately, we learn to love Jesus because of His love for us.

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The same thought was forcefully impressed on hymn writer Philip Bliss one day after he finished singing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." "These words are true," he said. "Yet I feel guilty for having sung so much about my poor love for Christ and so little about His endless love for me." As a result, he wrote a song that is well known today. It reads,

I am so glad that our Father in heaven  
Tells of His love in the Book He has given;  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see—  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me."

Yes, our greatest comfort in life or in death is not that we love Him, but that "He loved us" (1 John 4:10). - H.G.B.

Fear Him

Hope in Him

Love Him