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## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF A LOVING CHURCH

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1. Thou shalt place the love of God above every other love, greater than the love of your denomination, your local church or any part of your church.

2. Thou shalt know and love the Holy Spirit in personal and corporate experience and thus receive the power to experience and maintain Christian love in the life of the church.

3. Thou shalt recognize that all churches and all people have faults; therefore, thou shalt accept people as they are and tenderly, patiently help them to be what God wants them to be.

4. Thou shalt be kind and loving to strangers who have come to worship, regardless of their denomination, nationality, race or creed.

5. Thou shalt be patient and merciful with the church member who has become disloyal and who has gone astray, ever remembering God's mercy and love toward all of us.

6. Thou shalt love the Bible, read it, keep it in a central place of worship, and bring it to all services.

7. Thou shalt love to visit and go beyond the walls of the church, to witness, to lead others to Christ, and to ever bring new persons into the fellowship of Christ and the church.

8. Thou shalt ever remember the poor, the sick, the unfortunate, and, in times of sorrow, be ever near to those who need comfort and love.

9. Thou shalt give as much or more for the good of others as you spend on your own needs, to those who need comfort and love.

10. Thou shalt ever keep before the people the person, the work, the life, the death, the resurrection and the promise of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the end that all may know him as Savior and experience his loving presence as Lord in all the personal and corporate life of the church.

Such a church will be a fellowship of redeeming love.