

Keeping the Law

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How do you feel about personally keeping the law?
Rate from 1 to 5



1

Burdensome, not excited



5

Joyful, happy

How important is it to keep the law?

Deut 4:40 Therefore you shall **keep** his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

Josh 22:5 Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways and to **keep** his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

How important is it to keep the law?

Ps 119:34 Give me understanding, that I may **keep** your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Ps 119:136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not **keep** your law.

Prov 29:18 Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who **keeps** the law.

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John 14:15 If you love Me, you will **keep** My commandments.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we **keep** his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Rev 14:12 Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who **keep** the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

What does “law” mean?

This is another talk in itself, but for today's presentation, we'll consider it to mean the entire Bible.

What does “keep” mean?

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h8104/kjv/wlc/0-1/> (shamar)

- Guard, keep watch and ward
- Protect, save life
- Watch for, wait for
- Treasure up
- Celebrate
- Preserve, protect
- Take care
- Regard
- Observe

What does “keep” mean?

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g5083/kjv/tr/0-1/> (tereo)

- Attend to carefully, take care of
- Observe
- Guard
- Note
- Watch

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g5442/kjv/tr/0-1/> (phylasso)

- Guard
- Keep watch
- Protect
- Observe
- Avoid

What does “keep” mean?

<https://www.thefreedictionary.com/keep>

- To manage, tend, or have charge of: Keep the shop while I'm away.
- To celebrate; observe: keep the Sabbath.
- To maintain for use or service: an urbanite who didn't keep a car.
- To retain possession of: kept the change; must keep your composure.
- To cause to continue in a state, condition, or course of action: tried to keep the patient calm.
- To be faithful to; fulfill: keep one's word.
- Care; charge: The child is in my keep for the day.

What other things are kept besides the law?

Gen 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and **keep** it.

Gen 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's **keeper**?"

Gen 30:31 He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and **keep** it:

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John 17:12 While I was with them, I **kept** them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you **keep** them from the evil one.

What are ways we use the word keep in everyday usage?

- Keep my word
- Keep an eye on
- Keep company
- Keep up
- Upkeep
- Groundskeeper
- Housekeeper
- Storekeeper
- Bookkeeper
- Beekeeper
- Zookeeper
- Peacekeeper
- Keepsake

What are ways we can keep the law?

- Read
- Study
- Memorize
- Sing, worship
- Pray
- Teach
- Make disciples
- Preach
- Respect, honor
- Cherish
- Obey, follow

Law and salvation

Acts 15:1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Acts 15:11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

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Going back to the Bible lexicon definition...

- Can you guard, keep watch, protect it?
- Can you save lives it?
- Can you watch over it and wait?
- Can you treasure it up?
- Can you celebrate it?
- Can you preserve it?
- Can you take care of it?
- Can you have a high regard for it?
- Can you observe and obey it?

Table Discussion

How do you feel about keeping the law?

Great Commission

Matt 28:18-20 (DLNT)

And having come to them, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth was given to Me. Therefore having gone, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to **keep** all that I commanded you. And behold — I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the age”.

May the Lord keep you

Num 6:24-26 (ESV)

The LORD bless you and **keep** you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.