

## Law vs Love

There is a wide ranging controversy between all types of Christians concerning the need to obey all the Law of God or depend only on the Love of God. This is at the heart of Satan's lies and deception. Satan does not believe in God's Love and rejects the Law of God.

Satan makes a mockery of God's Love when he deceives Christians to believe obedience to all of God's Law is replaced by God's Love. Most recognize the value of the Ten Commandments as a moral guideline. The Fourth Commandment is widely ignored and ridiculed but many of the others are also scorned or ignored.

There are many who claim to love Jesus. They are often ignorant of the words of Jesus whom they claim to love.

<sup>15</sup> **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

John 14:15

Many believers consciously or sub-consciously place the word Ten before the word Commandments. Don't forget the Greek word (G1785) translated commandments refers to the Law of Moses.

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongsg=G1785&t=KJV>

The same Greek word is used to translate the Old Testament Hebrew word (H4687) which is translated to commandments in this fascinating study text.

<sup>5</sup> **Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.**

Genesis 26:5

The Hebrew word is mitsvah which most recognize means the Law of Moses. Here is an interesting question to ponder. If the Law did not exist until Moses, how did Abraham keep it?

Refer to the 2009-07-03 newsletter titled "Ten? Commandments".

There are some who are committed to obey all the Ten Commandments. At least, this is their claim. There is often a disregard for the seventh commandment which is kept hidden.

There is also a disregard for the statutes against pre-marital sexual intercourse such as found in Deuteronomy 22:13-29.

Their unfaithfulness in the flesh is symbolic of their idolatry and unfaithfulness to God. Their lusts and desires for worldly goods, pleasures, power, and control often betray their true hearts.

Satan makes a mockery of God's Law when he deceives those who believe in obedience to all of God's Law to forget God's Love in dealing with His erring children.

**<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

**<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

I John 5:2-3

We must speak out against sin, as I am doing in this newsletter. However, we must also avoid the temptation of Satan to step beyond a loving concern for a person's soul. Personal criticism, judgment, and especially sarcastic, mean-spirited comparisons to evil things is not appropriate.

With prayerful and humble submission to the guidance of the Holy Spirit we seek a balance of showing the love of God and a faithfulness to all of His law.

**<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;**

**<sup>10</sup> And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.**

Deuteronomy 7:9-10

We must follow carefully our Saviour's guidance in dealing with issues of sin.

**<sup>15</sup> Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.**

**<sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word**

**may be established.**

**<sup>17</sup> And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.**

Matthew 18:15-17

When the sin is not grievous it is sometimes best to be a faithful witness in your own life and pray for the erring individual. Study carefully this advice.

**<sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

**<sup>16</sup> If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.**

**<sup>17</sup> All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.**

I John 5:15-17

A personal witness and loving general appeal to the highest standards is often appropriate instead of a personal criticism and judgment of an erring individual or group.

Do you practice the Love of God and obey all of His Law of Love to guide us?

I pray we may all continue to seek love, peace, and unity in truth preparing for the soon coming of Iaushua (ee-ah-oo-shoo-ah) Messiah, the Son of God.