

God Is  
LOVE



# Worksheet #8

## “The Law of Love”

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God's Law

### What Is Love?

Love is not a feeling, but a principle of selflessness; It's a commitment to put others ahead of yourself.

**1 Corinthians 13:5** “...love seeks not its \_\_\_\_\_.”

We read in **John 3:16** how “God so loved the world that He \_\_\_\_\_ His only begotten Son”

**Galatians 2:20** calls Jesus “the Son of God, who loved me and \_\_\_\_\_ for me.”

**Ephesians 5:25** says that “Christ loved the church and \_\_\_\_\_ for her”

Jesus explained this principle when in **John 15:13** he declared “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his \_\_\_\_\_ for his friends.”

**God's government is \_\_\_\_\_ but Satan's heart became \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Isaiah 14:12-14** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’”



### The Law of Love

**Exodus 20:1-17** The first table of God's Law outlines our duty to \_\_\_\_\_ while the second table outlines our duty to our fellow \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, God's law is simply an explanation of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 22:35-40** Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” 37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

**Matthew 7:12** Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

**Matthew 16:24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

**Romans 13:8** ...he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

**Galatians 5:14** All the law is fulfilled in one word...: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

### Satan's Anger at God's Law

God's law is the foundation of that government, a written version of who He is. When Satan beholds the law of God he sees God's character; it's almost like looking into God's face. God's law is a continual reminder of God's purity and Satan's own evil character... No wonder Satan hates it!

**James 1:22-25** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

**Romans 7:7** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

- The law is like a \_\_\_\_\_ because it shows you your \_\_\_\_\_.
- There is a direct correlation between \_\_\_\_\_ guilty and \_\_\_\_\_ guilty.

### Misery Loves Company

**Ezekiel 28:16** "By the abundance of your \_\_\_\_\_ you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones."

- **Leviticus 19:16** "You shall not go about as a *talebearer* among your people..."
- **Ezekiel 22:9** Here we again find the same Hebrew root word, this time translated as *slander*.
- **John 8:44** "...When he [the devil] speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

### **Genesis 3**

- **v. 1** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"...
- **v. 4-6** Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*"
- **v. 8** ...they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

### **Loyalty, Not Legalism**

**John 14:15** "If you love me, keep my \_\_\_\_\_."

**Hebrews 8:10** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

- What's "new" about the New Covenant is not it's \_\_\_\_\_ but it's \_\_\_\_\_.
- God promises us freedom, not \_\_\_\_\_ the law, but freedom \_\_\_\_\_ the law.
- God wants us to keep His law not so He'll \_\_\_\_\_ us but because we trust He \_\_\_\_\_ does.
- While God has absolutely no interest in \_\_\_\_\_, He has every expectation of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 119:174** I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight.