



FULFILL THE LAW

Matthew 22:37-40, *And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

★ The theme of God’s entire Law is love, and that love is to extend in two directions; to God and my neighbor.

James 2:8, *If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.*

★ James isn’t encouraging us to love ourselves more (or first), but to simply love others as we already love ourselves.

CALL FAVORITISM

James 2:9-11, *But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.*

★ God’s Law cannot be divided into categories of varying degrees, or like columns on a ledger with credits and debits. God’s Law is unified, and to break one law is tantamount to breaking them all.

BE A CHANNEL

1 Corinthians 3:12-15, *Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

James 2:12-13, *So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.*

★ An unmerciful spirit reveals a heart that has not received mercy, but the heart that has been the object of divine mercy will be merciful.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*



BIBLE: What scripture has most captured your attention this week?

FAITH: How can we help each other trust God more?

THANKFULNESS: How can we express gratitude for God’s mercy in our lives this week?

OIKOS: What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? How does this relate to your “neighbor’s” spiritual condition?

SERMON: Have you identified any areas where favoritism has crept into your attitudes and relationships?