

The LAW that Gives FREEDOM ~ James 2:8-13

→ **Scripture Reading** James 2:1, 8-9, 12-13

The ROYAL Law in Scripture ~ James 2:8-11

[8] If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. [9] But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

It only takes one broken law to make a lawbreaker. PTW

[10] For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. [11] For HE who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

The LAW is the **expression** of the **Character and Will of God**; therefore to violate one part of the Law is to violate God's Will and thus His whole Law... NIV Study Bible

IMPLICATION

→ **How we BREAK God's Law does not matter it makes us Law BREAKERS**

James 2:10 (NLT) For the person who keeps ALL of the laws except ONE is as guilty as a person who has broken ALL of God's laws.

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→ **If we BELONG to Christ we it is STILL impossible to LIVE out the Law PERFECTLY**

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT) God saved you by HIS GRACE when you BELIEVED. And you can't take credit for this; it is a GIFT from God. [9] Salvation is NOT a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can BOAST about it.

APPLICATION

John 15:12 (NIV) My command is this: Love each other **AS** I have loved you.

Romans 13:8 (NIV) Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing DEBT to LOVE one another, for he who loves his fellowman has FULFILLED the law.

John 15:1-5 (NIV) I AM the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ...[4] Remain IN ME, and I will remain IN you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain IN the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in ME. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man REMAINS in ME and I in him, he will bear much fruit; APART from ME you can DO nothing.

For the Holy Spirit to Produce FRUIT we Must...

- Say NO to ourselves
- SURRENDER daily to God
- Keep ON Submitting to God's WORD

MERCY - Judgment- and Accountability ~ James 2:12-13

[12] Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, [13] because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

Matt 5:7 Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY

IMPLICATION

→The LAW gives FREEDOM by Showing us that we NEED a SAVIOR

Romans 8:3-4 (NIV) For what the LAW was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to BE a sin OFFERING. And so He condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the LAW might be fully met in us...

→Mercy Triumphs OVER Judgement

By showing MERCY to others a person gives genuine Evidence of having Received God's mercy themselves. MacArthur

APPLICATION

[13] because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful...

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Romans 8:1 (NIV) There is NO CONDEMNATION for those who are IN Christ Jesus...

God's GRACE does not cancel my DUTY to OBEY Him; it gives my obedience a new foundation. LASB

TAKE AWAY ??

Mark 12:30-31 ... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' [31] The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.