

James 2:1 (NLT)

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?

## James 2:8-9 (NLT)

Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” [9] But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

## James 2:12-13 (NLT)

So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. [13] There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

# **The LAW that Gives FREEDOM**

**James 2:8-13**

It only takes one broken law  
to make a lawbreaker.

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**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... NIVSB

➔ 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.







→ Even if we **BELONG** to Christ 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.**

Salvation is **NOT** a reward for the good things  
**WE have done,**

so none of us can **BOAST** about it.

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, 4-5 (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**

Ma---tthew 5:7 (NIV)

Blessed are the **Merciful**,  
for they will be shown **MERCY**

→ 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.

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

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

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.

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

... Love the Lord your God with  
all your **HEART** and with  
all your **SOUL** and with  
all your **MIND** and with  
all your **STRENGTH.**

The second is this:

**Love your neighbor AS yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.