

## LOVE DOES Radically Different – Part 4 of 5

**KEY TRUTH #1:** Our CONSCIENCE often determines RELIGIOUS realities whether they reflect reality or not.

**KEY OBSERVATION #1:** Whoever CONTROLS your conscience ultimately controls your BEHAVIOR.

**KEY OBSERVATION #2:** The Old Model always has these things:

- Sacred PLACES
- Sacred TEXT
- Sacred MEN

**Jesus launched a:**

- Radically different ARRANGEMENT between God and us
- Radically different STANDARD of behavior
- Radically different MOVEMENT or gathering

**KEY TRUTH #2:** The Old Model is YOU centered.

**Key Question:** What must I DO or BELIEVE to make things and keep things right between God and ME.

**KEY OBSERVATION #3:** Rituals and rules ultimately produce HYPOCRITES.

*"This is my commandment that you love one another, just as I have loved you." John 15:12*

*"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Galatians 5:6b*

*"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Galatians 5:14*

*"37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40*

**KEY TRUTH #3:** The radically different Jesus model is less COMPLICATED, but far more DEMANDING.

*"In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5*

*"27 Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:27, 36*

*"31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or need clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:31-40*