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### The Law of Christ: Love one another

Galatians 5:13 . . . *serve one another in love.* 14 *The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

John 13:34 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* 35 *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

John 15:12 *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*

1 Corinthians 9:21 *To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.* 22 *To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.*

James 2:8 *If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.*

1 John 2:8 *Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.*

9 *Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.* 10 *Whoever loves his brother lives in the light,*

1 John 4:21 *And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

### 1. Love calls us to watch out for each other.

Galatians 6:1 *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.*

### 2. Love calls us to be humble with each other.

Galatians 6:2 *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* 3 *If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*

### 3. Love calls to not take advantage of each other.

Galatians 6:4 *Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else,* 5 *for each one should carry his own load.*

### 4. Love calls us to be generous with each other.

Galatians 6:6 *Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.*

### The Way of the Harvest: Choices have consequences

Galatians 6:7 *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.* 8 *The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap*

*eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Law 1: We harvest only if we first sow.

Law 2: We harvest only what we have sown.

Law 3: We harvest in a different season than we sow.

Law 4: We harvest in proportion to what we sow.

Law 5: We harvest only if we persevere.

Law 6: We harvest what others have sown.

Law 7: We can't do anything about last year's harvest, but we can about this year's.

### A Final Appeal: Freedom produces a new creation

*Galatians 6:12 Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. 16 Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.*