

**The Christian and
the Law of Christ
Matthew 5: 17-20**

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Verse 17 - 18

Jesus came to fulfill the Law

LAWS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

MORAL LAW

(The Mishpatim ‘Ordinances’)

*I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds*

- Hebrews 10.16

CIVIL LAW

**The laws that helped the
Hebrew society function and
remain recognizable different
from other nations.**

CEREMONIAL LAW

(The Hukkim ‘Statutes’)

*These are the feasts of the LORD,
even holy convocations, which you shall
proclaim in their seasons - Lev 23.4*

**For you, O Lord,
are most high
over all the
earth; you are
exalted far above
all gods.**



EL ELYON

God Most High

The problem for humans concerning the Law:

- 1) The Law is perfect; we are not
- 2) The Law is viewed as a whole, not segmented – James 2: 10
- 3) The Law can condemn, but cannot save

The Moral Law reveals the nature of the will of God for His followers

The 10 Commandments are a summation of the Moral Law

The Moral Law convicts, but cannot save



How are Christians to relate to the Law today?

“The Law is a schoolmaster (tutor) to bring us to Christ – Galatians 3: 24”

“For by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified” – Galatians 2: 16”

“For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes” – Romans 10: 4”

What is the Law of Christ?

The Law of love – John 13: 34-35

*The Law of Christ is a summation
of the 10 commandments*

Matthew 22: 36-40

**“HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE
LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD
IS ONE! YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART, WITH
ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH
ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

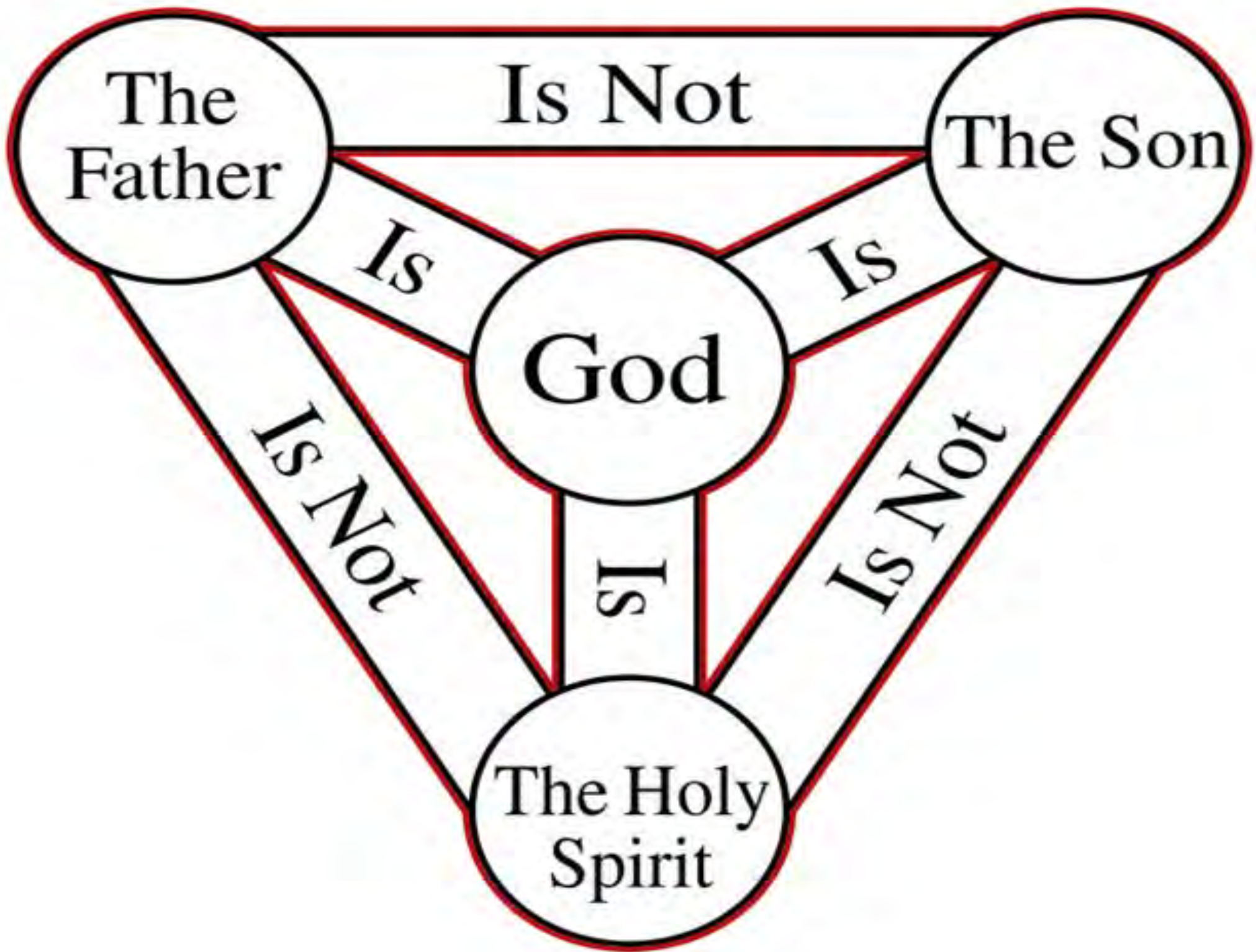
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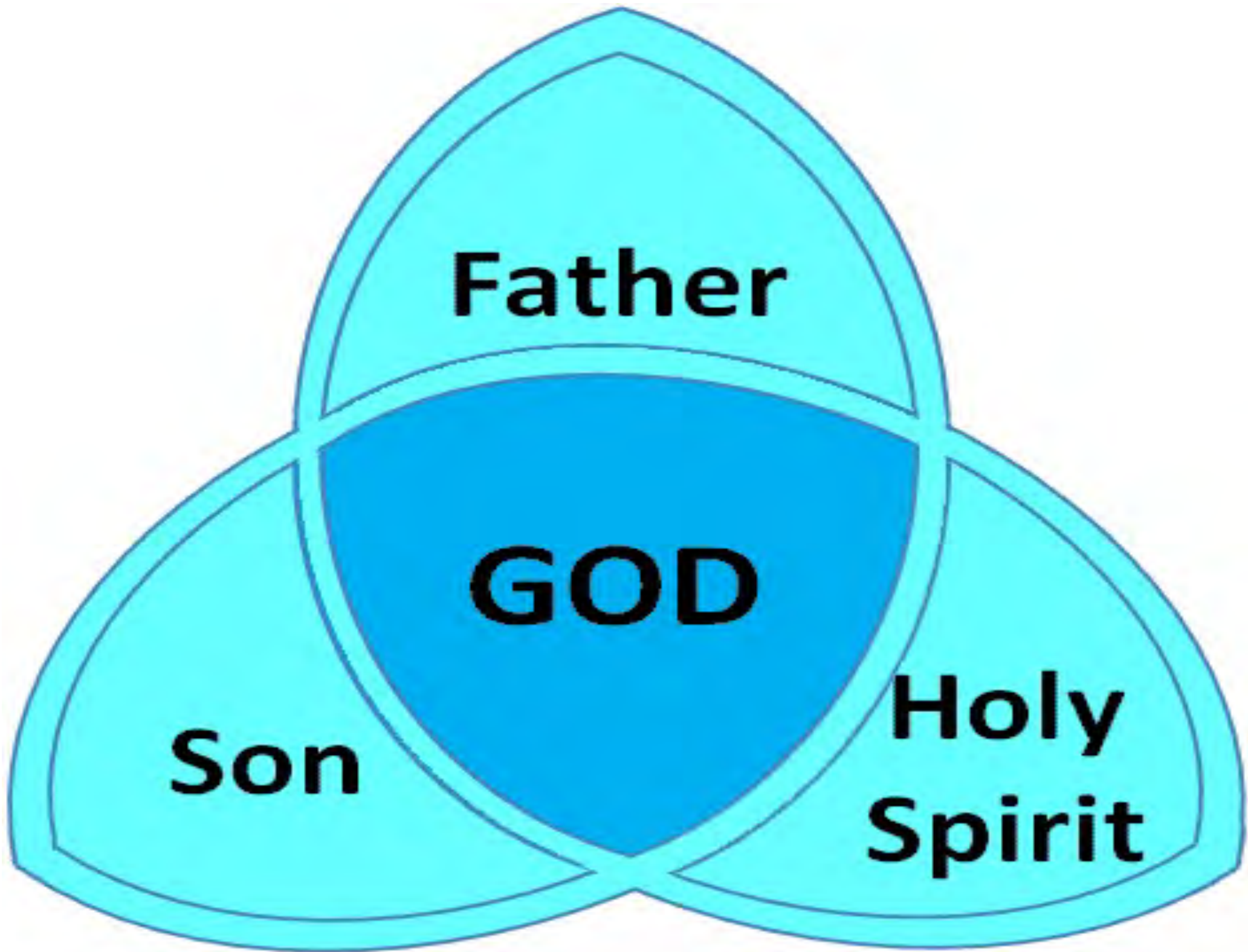
Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God,
the Lord is one!

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In Hebrew “yachid” means “absolute one.” Hebrew “echad” means “united one.” – the word here for “one” is “echad” meaning not an “absolute one” but a “united one”.





Father

GOD

Son

**Holy
Spirit**

When Christians obey the **Law of Christ**, they demonstrate love for Him – **John 14: 21, 23, 24**

Jesus is not coming to violate the **Mosaic Law**, but to establish it and fulfill it

Smallest Letter & Stroke

Matthew 5:18



*jot, yod, or
smallest Letter*



*tittle or stroke
- an extension or ornament*

Verse 19

**Jesus on the importance
of the Law**

Jesus considers that obeying the commandments is very serious!

Antinomianism = no law, no rules, and is discouraged by Jesus

Hyper-Grace

Right view

Is Hyper-Grace Biblical?

“...where sin increased, there grace **superabounded**” (Romans 5:20)

English word *superabounded* = Greek word *hyper-perisseuo*

hyper = over, above, and beyond = hyper

perisseuo = to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous

TRANSLATION

“...where sin increased and abounded, grace (God's unmerited favor) has surpassed it and increased the more and superabounded” (Romans 5:20, AMP)

The Bible describes God's grace as *hyper*.
It's over, above, and beyond superabundant!

God's grace is greater than you know.



Hyper-Grace - Wrong view

Believers are not under the constraints of the Law

Believers are not responsible for their sin

Anyone who disagrees is a pharisaical legalist

Hyper-Grace teachers pervert the grace of God into a license for immorality

Hyper-Grace = Lawlessness



For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:4

Verse 20

**Jesus and self-righteous
religionists**

Scribes and Pharisees were legalistic religionists

*They put on all kinds of
religious pretense*

*Pharisees are simply miserable
and angry - **No love!!***



I WANT YOU

Jesus makes an astounding statement:

“ unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus sees all!!

Jesus sees the real you!

Sobering, isn't it!?!



**NOTHING IS
HIDDEN
FROM HIS
SIGHT!
*NOTHING!!***

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

The Law and the Christian is a hotly debated topic in Christendom

Simply follow what Jesus taught and you will be on solid ground

We are now under the Law of Christ - Galatians 6: 2

What is the Law of Christ?

LOVE!!

John 13: 34

What is love (*agape*)?

STORGI

(AFFECTION)

LOVE BETWEEN FAMILY

PHILIA

(FRIENDSHIP)

LOVE BETWEEN FRIENDS

EROS

(EROTICISM)

LOVE BETWEEN A COUPLE

GREEKGATEWAY.COM

AGAPI

(UNCONDITIONAL LOVE)

LOVE OF GOD

Agape = *benevolent love*

A direction of the will,
meaning, choosing to love
even the unlovable

Agape love is not doing what the
recipient of love *desires*, but giving
the recipient of love what they *need*

John 3: 16 is an act of agape love

There is no escape clause from the Moral Law:

It still condemns; it is perfect, yet it cannot save!

People need a Savior to save them:

By grace you have been saved through faith in Christ alone

All of humanity are without excuse
Romans 2: 15

IMPORTANT:

Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, *but to fulfill it!*

In doing so, Jesus gave us something of great value – *the Law of Christ – LOVE!*

Love God first and your neighbor as yourself!

Paul on the importance of love
1 Corinthians 13: 13

Christian:

Love God and love people and you will fulfill the Law of Christ

The **Law of Moses** is filled with
“You shall not”

The **Law of Christ** is filled with
“You shall love”

BIG DIFFERENCE!!

~Jesus Greatest Commandment~

You shall

*Love the LORD your GOD
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.*

The second is this

You shall

Love your Neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37,39

Lord Jesus Saves†

YOU SHALL LOVE!