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*CHRISTIANITY IS BETTER THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED.*

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For the **law** was given through  
Moses; **grace and truth** came  
through Jesus Christ.

**John 1:17 NIV**

*The Old Covenant was a conditional covenant with Israel based on law.*

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*The New Covenant was an unconditional covenant with the world based on **grace**.*

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill** them.

**Matthew 5:17 NIV**

But now apart from the **law** the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

**Romans 3:21 NIV**

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Romans 3:22-23 NIV**



and all are **justified freely** by his  
grace through the redemption that  
came by Christ Jesus.

**Romans 3:24 NIV**

You can't out-sin the grace of God.



Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that **requires faith**. For we maintain that a person is justified by **faith** apart from the works of the law.

**Romans 3:27-28 NIV**

It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us **free**. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

**Galatians 5:1 NIV**

Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of **no value** to you at all.

**Galatians 5:2 NIV**

Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey **the whole law**.

**Galatians 5:3 NIV**

You who are trying to be justified  
by the law have been alienated  
from Christ; you have fallen away  
from **grace**.

**Galatians 5:4 NIV**

For in Christ Jesus neither  
circumcision nor uncircumcision  
has any value...

**Galatians 5:6 NIV**

The **only thing** that counts is **faith**  
expressing itself through **love**.

**Galatians 5:6 NIV**



The greatest expression of our  
faith isn't keeping law –  
it's showing love.

**“A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”**

**Galatians 5:9 NIV**

Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case **the offense of the cross** has been abolished.

**Galatians 5:11 NIV**

As for those agitators, I wish they  
would go the whole way and  
**emasculate** themselves!

**Galatians 5:12 NIV**

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be **free**. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;

**Galatians 5:13 NIV**

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be **free**. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in **love**.

**Galatians 5:13 NIV**

You can sin as much as you want to as long as you don't harm yourself or anyone else.



For the entire law is fulfilled in  
keeping this one command:  
“**Love** your neighbor as yourself.”

**Galatians 5:14 NIV**

When we lead by valuing the  
intent of the law rather than the  
extent of the law,  
freedom and clarity will follow.

Let no debt remain outstanding,  
except the continuing debt to **love**  
one another, for whoever **loves**  
others has fulfilled the law.

**Romans 13:8 NIV**

**All the Law and the Prophets hang  
on these two commandments.”**

**Matthew 22:40 NIV**

So in **everything**, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Matthew 7:12 NIV**

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,”

**Romans 13:9 NIV**

and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “**Love** your neighbor as yourself.”

**Romans 13:9 NIV**



**Love** does no harm to a neighbor.  
Therefore love is the fulfillment of  
the law.

**Romans 13:10 NIV**

Jesus doesn't point His followers  
to a law they are to keep.  
He points them to a love  
they are to show.

Following Jesus isn't just about loving everyone around me. It's about loving the one in front of me.