IS LOVE AGAINST THE LAW?

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COVER FROM A SKETCH BY MAN ARTIST
Remember, whatsoever we do in word or in deed we're to do all to the glory of God and we're to do it all in love.

If we're keeping God's law of love then we'll try not to hurt or offend anybody.

Of course we can't very well help offending the system, because of its false laws which are contrary to the law of God.

Jesus himself couldn't please the scribes and the Pharisees no matter what he did.

His doctrine of love just infuriated them!—but he went ahead and did it anyway.

I love you!
There wasn't anything He could do to please them, nothing, just like us.

*John came neither eating nor drinking and they say... The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they say...

He hath a devil!

Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

*Matthew 11:18,19

Our whole doctrine of love is contrary to their doctrine of law. Therefore of course we lovers of love are going to run afoul of the lovers of the law...

Because love is love and law is law and never the twain shall meet.

God's only law is love, and if what you're doing you're doing in love, and you're not hurting any innocent party...

Then it is perfectly legal for you according to God's law of love, right?

I said innocent party—now hurting guilty parties, that's something we can't avoid...
SAY A MAN WAS MAKING LOVE WITH ONE OF US, FOR HIS WIFE HADN'T GIVEN HIM THE LOVE THAT WE CAN GIVE HIM, GOD'S LOVE — SHE'S NOT INNOCENT, SHE'S GUILTY!

WELL, IF SHE HASN'T GOT THE LOVE OF GOD, SHE HASN'T GOT REAL LOVE AT ALL! MAYBE SHE JUST HAS A COVETOUS DESIRE FOR HIS MONEY OR HIS HOUSE OR POSITION, AND IT MAY NOT BE IN LOVE AT ALL...

WELL OF COURSE I LOVE YOU DEAR... DON'T BE SILLY!!

BUT IF HE FINDS LOVE THROUGH US, GOD'S REAL GENUINE UNSELFISH SACRIFICIAL LOVE, HE IS GOING TO WANT TO GO BACK TO HIS WIFE AND LEAD HER TO CHRIST!

IT MIGHT MAKE HER THE KIND OF WIFE SHE OUGHT TO BE, IT EVEN MIGHT MAKE HER THE KIND OF WIFE HE'D FALL BACK IN LOVE WITH!

TRY TO TEACH HER LOVE AND SHOW HER LOVE AND GIVE HER A CHANCE TO RECEIVE IT!

I LOVE YOU!

YOU'RE SO WONDERFUL — SO CHANGED!

GOD CAN RESTORE A WHOLE MARRIAGE IF BOTH PEOPLE FIND HIS LOVE AND FAITH IN HIM!
Jesus said the Law of Love is all the Law, as well as all the Prophets! (Matt. 22:37-40)

THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART... AND THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.

THAT'S PRETTY BROAD COVERAGE! THAT TAKES IN THE ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT, THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS. DAVID TOO WAS A PROPHET, SO THAT TAKES IN PSALMS, AND SO WERE JOB AND SOLOMON, THAT TAKES IN ALL OF THEIR POETICAL BOOKS AS WELL...

ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

AND THE REST ARE ALL THE HISTORICAL BOOKS OF THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

SO JESUS SAID THAT'S THE WHOLE WORKS, THE WHOLE BIBLE, THAT'S ALL THE LAW - LOVE!

SO IN EVERYTHING WE'RE DOING, WE'RE TRYING TO DO IT ALL IN LOVE, THAT'S FOR SURE. WE'RE TRYING TO DO IT BECAUSE OF LOVE AND BECAUSE THEY NEED GOD'S LOVE...
The main thing we're trying to give them is God's love, not just sex!

Wow! I am God's love!

Sometimes we use sex as a tool or proof that we love them, but it's not the main kind of love we're trying to give them.

But the world exaggerates it because it's so interested in sex. — Sex is primary to the world.

They play it up and make it a big thing.

But to us... love is the most important thing! — The love of God: unselfish, pure sacrificial love!
IF YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF, YOU'LL PUT YOURSELF IN HIS PLACE AND WONDER WHAT YOU WOULD WANT AND NEED TO HAVE FULFILLED.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY WHEN HIS CRITICS ASKED HIM...

BUT WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

IN OTHER WORDS, TELL ME EXACTLY WHO I HAVE TO LOVE, SO I KNOW WHO I DON'T HAVE TO LOVE.

THAT'S WHEN HE GAVE THEM THE STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, WHO HELPED A POOR BEATEN UP JEW WHO'D BEEN ROBBED.

THE SAMARITANS WHOM THE JEWS HATED!

POOR FELLOW!


HE WAS AS GOOD AS TELLING THE JEWS...

LISTEN, YOU KNOW WHO YOUR NEIGHBOURS ARE!

THOSE SAMARITANS, THE ONES YOU HATE AND YOU WON'T EVEN GO NEAR AND HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH, THEY'RE YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

YOU'D BETTER GET BUSY AND LOVE THEM!

SO YOUR NEIGHBOUR IS ANYBODY THAT NEEDS YOUR LOVE — ANYBODY...

HE MAY NOT LIVE NEXT DOOR, BUT IF HE LIVES ON THIS EARTH HE'S YOUR NEIGHBOUR!
As far as God is concerned there's no law but love—except for sinners who are outside of love and reject Christ, they're under the old law.

"Thou shalt not..."

Let me tell you, they're plenty under it and will be judged by it and go to hell by it! (1 Tim. 1:9)

But not we who are believers and Christians and have faith and have Jesus Christ in our hearts and God and His love. (Rom. 8:2)

We are not judged by the old law—we are judged only by love. -- How much love we have and how much we give. God will judge us by love in His mercy and not by the law.

He will judge us by only one law, the law of love, the only law of God!