



## The Ark Community

### # 100: FULFILLING THE LAW

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What is sin? **Sin is not doing what God wants to do.** Who lived a life without sin? Only Jesus..!

Jesus' life was an example to us of how we are to live a life without sin. Jesus' life was an example to us how to live a life **doing what God wants to do.** So how did Jesus live? He said, **"I did not come to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it."** [Matt 5:17]. But did Jesus keep all the Laws? .... No..!

- He healed on the Sabbath. - He touched Corpses. - He touched Lepers.
- He allowed His Disciples to harvest and eat Corn on the Sabbath. [Matt 12:1]
- He didn't support Kosher Food but said that all food was clean. [Matt 15:7]
- He didn't ask His Disciples to follow the purification laws before eating. [Matt 15:1-3]
- When asked "Should we tithe 10%" He answered no, give 100% [Matt 22:19-21]

Jesus did not keep all the Laws. Can you not do what the Law asks without breaking the Law?... Yes.. If we do what God wants us to do..! To do what God wants is HIGHER than the law. And what does God want? What is God's deepest desire for us? What is His highest Law? **"For Mankind to Love God ... spirit, soul and Body and to Love our neighbor as we love ourselves."** [Matt 19:19]

**"Owe no one anything except to love one another,  
for he who loves another has fulfilled the law."** [Rom 13:8]

Jesus fulfilled the Law not by keeping every Law but by loving His Father with all that He had and loving His neighbor as He loved Himself. **"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."** [Rom 13:10]. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** [Gal 5:14]

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.** [James 2:8]. **"All the Law and Prophets hang on this one saying - Love your neighbor as yourself."** [Matt 22:39-41]. Apostle Paul calls this over riding Law **"The Royal Law of Love."** ... the Law above all Laws - **The Law that governs all Laws.**

Whenever the Law stops you from loving someone, then that Law no longer serves God and it must submit to the Royal Law of ... **"Love our neighbor."** Therefore Jesus disregarded the Laws when they prohibited Him from Loving people as God wanted Him to love them. Jesus did what God wanted even if it meant not keeping the Law... because doing what God wanted was more important than following the Law.

**When we love our neighbor as ourselves, we fulfill all the Law..!**

But who is our neighbor? The Lawyer asked Jesus this very same question. And Jesus' answer was shocking - **"YOUR ENEMY IS YOUR NEIGHBOR."** [Luke 10:25-37]

God asks us to **Love our Enemies like ourselves...!** And when we live a life of loving our enemies as ourselves, we fulfill the Royal Law of Love in our own lives - learning to love God with our entire being and all we have and loving our enemies as we love ourselves - is the HIGHEST WILL of God for mankind. This is what Jesus came to Earth for - **to SHOW us how to love our enemies and to DIE for us for when we fail to love them - so that we may be forgiven and try again and again until we get it right.**

His life is our example how we are to live and love..! His death is for when we don't get it right..!  
Jesus was radically free - He was free to follow what the Spirit told Him to do at any given time and in any given situation, even if it conflicted with what the Law dictated. **"Jesus was a man full of the Spirit who went around doing good."** [Acts 10:38] ...He was not a religious' man but a 'spiritual' man. Our sin is that we have made a 'religion' out of Jesus' spirituality..! Christianity was never meant to be a RELIGION but a RELATIONSHIP. **Religious people love according to the law - spiritual people love beyond the Law. Don't let the Law stop you loving your God; yourSelf; your Neighbor and your Enemy.**

[John 3:16 Adapted] **"For God so loved the people of the World, including His enemies, He sent His only Son to show them how much He loved them and how they should love each other, so that they may all recognize His love for them and choose to return home as lost sheep, so that none of them should be lost in eternity."**

Jesus then says to us... **"Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."** [John 20:21]