

## Reflection of love

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  - Love reflects attention to His commandments

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  - Then those in relationship with Him will be bound by love instead of Law

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  - "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

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    - Our relationship with one another should have traits which reflect Him instead of reflecting the world

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  - Murdering the relationship between you and your brother

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  - "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

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- Instead, it is a Divine revelation of how the Body of Christ is to resemble of Person of Christ
  - Desires reconciliation
  - Sacrifices for reconciliation

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- There is a "family resemblance" that the world can see
  - Grace
  - Mercy
  - Forgiveness

### Ephesians 5:1-2

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."

### We then become...

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- Reflection of the image of God