

Col. 3: 12-17

SUBJECT: The Law of Love
(The Life of the 12 Disciple)

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THE LAWS OF LOVE

The laws of man is solemnly binding - is the laws of life embodied in the teaching, ministry of our Lord Jesus. On the Xth.

I. FORBEARANCE AND FORGIVENESS

1. The pattern, "Even as Christ . . ."

(1) A life of love, service, devotion, for both, calamity, rejection.

Not well received into the world: Hated to slay
Tossed people to cast off stiff
Jews took up stones to hit
Works ascribed to devil - called glutton
Finally, the shame of the cross
We also have crucified him. On a cross.

In mercy, forgive us.

A life of forgiveness crowned by his dying prayer, intercession for his
sins for his enemies, too. Incarnate gentleness, meekness, passage of blood
what did he do but bless us? What did we do but nail
him to the tree? Talk of deserving forgiveness is a
contradiction in terms. We deserved damnation, hell. If he
had left us in our sins, passed us by, allowed us to justify,
what complaint could we have?

(2) That act of grace was unsolicited.

Forgive us because of something in him, not in us. We
unworthy; he is gracious.

Never forget, he had the power to execute vengeance.

(1) Mt. 26: 53 "more than twelve legions" "if an angel, I would
send him to you with an army"

(2) Mt. 27: 40 "come down from cross" would have bowed
to gold upon them, into the way of
Jerusalem

(3) Mt. 10: 28 "... from him, ... both soul and body is held"

BUT, mercy, stored his love in his heart; passion dropped
his sweat from his eyes. So easily could he have blotted
out our sins - blotted out our sins as dust.

Before we had thoughts of mercy, he had thoughts of mercy
toward us. The Father's forgiveness first - we were to return as a consequence.

of Col. 5: 18-20

(a) The old story; unwelcome daughter, afraid to return to father's house.
But persuaded, father already forgiven

(3) Forgives wholly, completely, joyfully.

Never, you forgive outwardly, then secretly retain his wrath, no half-reckonings or reserves of anger. "Thy sins shall not be mentioned against thee forever." Not forgive, after that accuse. How could he intrude for us, accuse at some times? Cannot be condenser, redeemer at same time, is same person. of Court. must have two lawyers. One, accuse, one justify. Heb 9:26 "he hath put away sin by the sacrifice of himself?" I Jo. 1:7 "the blood of Jesus his son cleanseth..."

2. One imitation of Christ.

mt. 18: 21-35 = 10,000 talents, 100 pieces. 20x7.

Farber - when done so, farber, when done so again, farber, when done so, farber, & times, still farber.

We all have our crosses, selves, you each other collide, break. Inimitable, grate against each other. But we all a part of one struggle, somebody fit perfectly, though none so misshapen as unfitting. Solidly, soundly, the great power of X² fellowship. must give, take by the secret love of Jesus.

of some churches bleed inwardly through drift. [Furns, Calif.] Dispute about nothing at all, some small things. of a lion, fight, slant it. But a goat, cannot even aim at it.

of some members. finding fault. Vultures, circling over something dead. a carrier crew, no designs but to find a carcass, light upon it.

The X² fellowship of Jesus - breath His presence of love, joy, helpfulness, encouragement. Rom. 12. condemnation not for us. arrange " " "

Exm mt. 23. ends in a reb.

II. The Central Governing Authority.

"... the great, God rule...
Must have a central governing authority somewhere.
where the head is not the hand } and nothing is itself at all.
" hand eye } all is what it should not be
" eye heart } and all is misery.
" head heart }

So in our needs. Not controlled by God, ruled by Satan
Cannot serve two masters. One or other prevail.
Come, dear God, rule in my heart. ^{As God tempers} This will depart.

So in our church. One body, each member a happy part.
Not quarrelsome, contentious..

III. The All-Inclusive Rule.

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Of advantage to have laws as concise as possible.

of Justinian, Rome

of Napoleon, France

So whole of morality summed up in 2 tables, stone

then 10 commandments

then then two is one word "love."

So the text: any instance of the Tenness, brevity, clearness of the
divine precept. For every belief, in all circumstances. A
compression rule of it. The truth stone of the maxims.

The key to the rock: must be "in the first years?"
 must begin at the beginning. Must change the root to change
 the fruit. Hanging upon lifeless branches the semblance of fruit
 will not transform the world from the tree of life, the
 plant of the Lord.

Unrenewed human nature is not unity with God. Man
 by nature more than a wild beast - but is a messenger.
 The lion is his - the serpent - the tiger - the wolf - dog - devil.
 of white fluff, criticized for saying man half beast, half devil.
 His body allies him with the beast, his mind his a child of God.
 How make the lion eat straw like the ox? The wolf -
 the lamb to be drawn together. Not till you change it. Need
 a new nature. God's mighty spirit must plant forth the
 same energy by which created the world with which will raise
 the dead into of his glory, at the resurrection.

THEN:

(1) Worshipping - a way of the Lord.
 a steward, Christ.
 a representation of Christ.
 Not what is fashionable, not conforming to the world, provided by

(2) Delivered from pride of self.
 (a) The old Greek philosopher, a beggar in ostentatious apparel,
 pointed to him and said: "That is pride." Then seeing a
 Spartan in mean apparel, said: "And that is pride."
 A pride, much of self, is humility, vanishing.
 (b) King David. He pointed to me, "He plays not the world on words
 but a beggar."

(3) 3:15 b; 3:17 b. Thankful.
 3:16 Sing out praises of God. Sing as you need.
 Some offend of joy. of worship God have ourselves
 of a kindred, self-inflicted torture.
 of adored necessities, hair shirts, flagellations
 But we - the more blessed God -
 not complain, but bless his name
 to God. "and gave - taking any -"
 Bless God for music, pleasure, joy
 music, horses, flowers
 as much love in the land as in the right
 "and" "and" "and"

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