

Everything must be judged from the standpoint of love.



WHEN JESUS CAME, He put an end to all the religious laws of the Old Testament by giving one law that fulfills them all—love for God and fellow man: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37–39). Jesus’ law of love is all encompassing and goes above and beyond all of the other laws put together.

God’s only law is now love. As long as something is done in love—unselfish, sacrificial love, God’s love—then it is lawful in God’s eyes. We are not judged by how well we keep the endless, legalistic commandments of the old Mosaic Law (Galatians 2:16); we are now judged only by how much love we have and how much we let love guide our actions.

The rule we must go by now in every case is this: Is it done in love? If you know you’re acting in God’s love, then you can go ahead by faith, according to God’s Word.