

When Did Love Replace the Commandments?

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The visitor to the synagogue protested, "Don't you know the Law was done away with at the cross? It was only for the Jews until the Christ came to do away with that bondage anyway. We live in the age of grace. Love has replaced the Law (Torah)."

Let us answer this question. Yahweh is the source of love ([John 3:16](#), [1 John 4:8](#)).

- "For YHWH so had *ahavah* (*agape*) for the *olam hazeh* that He gave the *matanah* (gift)..."[Yochanan 3:16](#)
- "The one not having *ahavah* did not have *da'at* of YHWH, because YHWH is love." [1 Yochanan 4:8](#)

The word love is *agapao* in Greek or *ahavah* in the Hebrew. When Yahshua our Master was asked by a seeker of truth which is the GREATEST commandment ([Matt. 22:36](#)), He answered from the Torah ([Deut. 6:4-5](#), [Mark 12:29-30](#)). The Rebbe quoted the *Sh'ma*. We are to love Yahweh above and before ALL things. We cannot keep His Torah unless we are aware of His set-apartness. This command to love Yahweh with ALL (*kol*) our heart, mind, and strength is the foundation of all the other 613 *mitzvot*. In the 10 Words (*Sh'mot*-Ex. 20) this covers the first 5 - our RELATIONSHIP with Him. You need to read [1 John 5:3](#) and Yahshua's own words in [John 14:15](#). There we are told our love for Yahweh is expressed in obedience to His commandments and His Word. Otherwise, as *Ya'akov* (not James) said, "Be ye DOERS not just hearers, DECEIVING ourselves. He that does the Word will be blessed in ALL his deeds."

Our love EXPRESSED TOWARDS our fellow man is the second great command. Yahshua quoted [Lev. 19:18](#) from the Torah! This is expressed in the last 5 commands in the 10 Words. So, if we love each other we will obey the last 5 commands.

Look at your hand. The 5 fingers on the right represent your love for Yahweh. The 5 fingers on the left are extended to our fellow man. We have 2 hands with which to serve our Father in the heavens and neighbor here upon the earth. This is why we are told in the Torah to "bind them as a sign" (*tefillin shel yad*) upon our hand. We place them upon our forehead as a frontlet (*tefillin shel rosh*) so we will ALWAYS REMEMBER in our minds to obey YHWH and His commandments. **NOTE:** Isn't it interesting that is where the mark of the beastly system will be upon those who take it on their hand and forehead. Could that mark be a sign to mark those who serve him and WILL REPLACE THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH for those of a false religious, economical, and political system that is anti-Torah? They not only take this mark, but also worship the beastly system! They choose the false system of religion instead of the narrow Torah way of Yahweh? They throw off the yoke of His commandments and Kingdom.

EVERY *mitzvah* in the Scriptures covers one of these two areas or both. The Torah

helps to define how to walk out these 10 Words in **Deut. 5:6-16**. The bottom line is commandment keeping is equal to a relationship of true love and obedience.

If we walk in the Ruach (**Gal. 5:22-23**) we truly walk in Torah observance. The Ruach will lead us into all truth and never away from the Torah or Messiah.

In the last days there will be great persecution of all those who obey the Torah:

- "The dragon (hasatan) was infuriated over the woman (Yisra'el - ALL 12 tribes) and went off to fight the rest of her children Yisraelites), those who OBEY Yahweh's commandments and bear witness to Yahshua." **Rev. 12:17**.

If we love Yahweh, His Son, and His people, then we will keep the Torah. It is the path Yahshua walked and commanded. Let us walk as our Master walked in love.

- "As the Father (*HaAv*) has loved Me, I have loved you. Stay in My love. IF YOU GUARD MY COMMANDS, YOU SHALL STAY IN MY LOVE, EVEN AS I HAVE GUARDED MY FATHER'S COMMANDS AND STAY IN HIS LOVE." **Yochanan (John) 15:9-10**