

Agape

"affection, good-will, love, benevolence"-Thayer

John 3:16 (NKJV)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

1 John 4:19 (NKJV)

"We love Him because He first loved us."

Romans 13:10 (NKJV)

"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

I Corinthians 16:14 (NKJV)

"Let all that you do be done with love."

Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)

"For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

Ephesians 5:1,2 (NKJV)

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."



I John 1:10 (NKJV)

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

1 John 3:4 (KJV)

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

I John 2:1 (NKJV)

"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

James 1:14,15 (NKJV)

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

Deuteronomy 6:24 (NKJV)

"And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day."

Romans 6:16-18 (NKJV)

"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

John 10:10 (NKJV)

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

James 1:15 (NKJV)

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Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Matthew 18:8,9 (NKJV)

""If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire."



Does Love Preclude Condemning Sin?

The answer lies in:

- The Biblical Definition of Love
- The Biblical Description of Sin
- The Biblical Direction to Combine Love and Teaching

II Timothy 1:11-13 (NKJV)

"to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus."

II Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

I Peter 4:8 (NKJV)

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins.""

James 5:20 (NKJV)

"let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins."

Ephesians 4:14-19 (NKJV)

"that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:14-19 (NKJV)

"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

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Revelation 3:19 (NKJV)

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."



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Matthew 7:3-5 (NKJV)

""And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."