**Conclusion:** The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is always seeking to conform us more and more into the image of Christ. When the Holy Spirit lives within us, His life transforms us and gives us new desires and passions.

Since the Ten Commandments embody the very character of God then our lives will reflect this. In fact, God's law may be seen as ten promises. With God's Spirit within you, you will not want to have other gods before you or do wrong to your neighbour. God's love will work and flow through you.

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## 18. God's Law Of Love.

It has been reported that there over 3500 laws in the United States and yet God has boiled His Laws down to only 10. The moral fabric of our society is unravelling quickly as situation ethics and political correctness hurtle to the forefront. We have taken prayer out of schools and wonder why kids are stabbing and shooting other kids. We have taken Christ out of Christmas and wonder why greed and materialism are on the rise. And we have taken God's Law from our society and wonder why our culture is crumbling into chaos with sexual perversion and violence. In this lesson we shall explore God's Law and as Christians how we are to relate to them.

- Who wrote the Ten Commandments? Exodus 31:18 What is promised to those who follow God's commands?
   Psalms 112:1-3 What was the conclusion of King Solomon, the wisest king who ever lived? Ecclesiastes 12:13 & 14 Note: To "fear" God is to respect Him. One of the ways we show respect to
- God is through obedience to Him.
- 4. How does God describe King David? Acts 13:21 & 22 -

5. What was David's attitude to God's Law? Psalms 119:166-168 -	Note: If God's Spirit is living in our hearts then the evidence comes out in our own behaviour. The response of a grateful heart is a <b>daily</b> surrender. When that occurs, obedience to Christ is the natural result. We are able
Note: David loved God and was obedient to His law. And God in turn	to "let our light shine" as a witness of the power of God to change lives.
called David "A man after His own heart." Obedience is important to God.	13. What will be our response to God's law when we allow His Spirit to
6. What did Paul say about God's law? Romans 7:12 -	control us? Psalms 119:20 -
7. When Christ came into this world, did He come to abolish the law?  Matthew 5:17 & 18 -	14. How did Jesus sum up the Law and the Prophets? Matthew 22:37-40 -
8. What was His attitude to those who broke the Law, and taught others to do the same? Matthew 5:19 -	Note: The first four commandments show our supreme love to God. The last six commandments show our love to our neighbour. When any of these are disregarded, we are showing our disrespect for either God or our neighbour.
9. What did Jesus say about those who obey the word of God?  Luke 11:28 -	15. How is love to God displayed? 1 John 5:3 -
	16. What is evident of those who say they love God and do not obey?
10. What did Jesus say we are to do if we love Him?	1 John 2:3-5 -
John 14:15 & 21-24 and John 15:10	17. How are God's people described in the last days? Revelation 12:17
Note: The law is not a method for salvation rather it is the standard for Christian behaviour. The law reveals what the character of our God is.	and 14:12
11. What is the sinful mind's response to God's Law? Romans 8:7 -	18. Did Jesus commission His believers to teach people to obey everything He commanded us? <b>Matthew 28:20</b> -
12. How then can we obey God's Law? Ezekiel 36:25-27 -	