



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Love & Serve *Series Conclusion*

The Liberty of Love

*He who loves his brother abides in the light,
and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 1 John 2:10*

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Galatians 5:13

*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.***

Nothing is more foundational to our walk as Christ followers than **God's love for us and our love for others.**

James 2:5

Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you drag you into the courts? 7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

James 2:8

*If you really **fulfill the royal law** according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors... **12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.***

Disregarding and oppressing the poor was commonplace.

There was the belief that people who poor or disabled where responsible for their condition.

Jesus Began His Earthly Ministry With These Words

Luke 4:18. *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To **proclaim liberty to the captives** and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed*

What is the Royal Law?

it is the law (rule, principle) that is king of all laws, being the sum and essence of the ten commandments.

Our great King, God, is love; **His law is the royal law of love** and it reigns supreme.

It is a law fit for those who are royal, and able to liberate others.

Psalm 93:1

The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken

*...4 But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore—the Lord above is mightier than these! **Your royal laws cannot be changed. Your** reign, O Lord, is holy forever and ever.*

Love is the Law of Liberty

James 2:12, *So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.*

We are only as “free” as we love God and love our neighbors

Jesus Demonstrated the Liberty of Love

Luke 18:36

And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. 37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus Demonstrated the Liberty of Love

Luke 18:40

***So Jesus stood still** and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, 41 saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."*

Jesus Demonstrated the Liberty of Love

By stopping at the request of blind Bartimaeus, **Jesus defied the status quo, broke the stigma of disability, and dignified a man** who had no value in the eyes of many people in his community.

This is what Jesus does. **He always stands still for people who will stand still to know that God is God.**

When we practice the Liberty of Love, people are dignified, lives are changed, we are encouraged, and God is gloried.