

GRACE COMMUNION CHURCH

# CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOUR

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# Basis of Christian Behaviour

- Rom 13:8

Therefore love  
is the  
fulfillment of  
the law.

- John 13 34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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## Nature of Love

- Entire Christian behavior is based on love – on God Himself (“God is love.”)
- Love – by its very essence is relational.
- Hence Christian behavior is fundamentally relational in nature and focus.

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# Love is a Person

- **Ephesians 5:1** Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- **Galatians 4:19** My children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,
- Ephesians 4:**13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ.

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# But, what about the 10 commandments?

- It is a summary of the Old Covenant
- Jesus confirmed that the New Covenant goes beyond the Old
  - Eg: The Rich Young Ruler
  - Eg: The Goats and Sheep of Matthew 25
  - The Sermon on the Mount (Hatred, Lust, etc)
- A limited expression of God's heart that does not cover all the issues of life
- Jesus introduced a new way of relating with God – on the basis of Grace and Spirit

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# Three important aspects of Christian Behaviour

- Transformation of thoughts and motives.
- Acts of Omission.
- Acts of Commission.

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# Transformation of thoughts and motives.

- **Rom 12:2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- **Mark 7:20-21** And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.

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# Transformation of thoughts and motives.

- **2 Corinthians 10:5** We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,
- **Phil 4:8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think on these things.
- **Proverbs 4:23** Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

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# Transformation of thoughts and motives.

- [Romans 8:5-7](#)

- For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,

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