

THE *Spirit of Life*

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Father God

When we are born again, we are born of God. God has adopted us into His family. We now come to Him as His sons to do His will. We look at His commands not as do or die, as if He is a God far off, but rather as the warnings of a loving father that protects us. We see His instructions as coming from someone who is concerned about our future. We see His promises as a great inheritance which He desires to give us. We see His eternal facts as foundations on which to build.

The law that reveals sin is the same law that reveals love. The law that says, “Thou shalt not steal” is the same law that teaches me “I wouldn’t want someone to steal from me, therefore, I won’t steal from others.” The law that teaches me “Thou shalt not lie” is the same law that teaches me “I really feel bad when people lie to me so I’m not going to lie and make others feel that way.”

What is law to the sinner is love to the saint.

Being heavenly minded gives us the power through Christ to see love in God’s Word. God’s Word tells us how to love, because God is love. God’s Word shows us the proper way to love our neighbors as ourselves. It reminds us to treat others the way we would want to be treated.

His Word makes us like-minded, knowing what true love really is. All the law is fulfilled in this one statement, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” This means every law tells us how to love, for we would truly love our neighbors if we practiced the spirit of the law.