

*The Law of Love*  
James 2:1-13

If Christ is not ashamed to indwell them I will not be slow to embrace them.

-Sinclair Ferguson

I. **Failing to Love**

## **II. Fulfilling the Law**

### *Into the Bible*

We should be familiar with Jesus' response when asked what the greatest commandment was. The 2nd law he indicates is to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is *agape*, not warm feelings (1 John 3:16), and is not meant only for our brethren in Christ. When Christ is asked "who is my neighbor?", what is his response? (Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 5:46-47)

How does the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18:21-35 back up the warning in James 2:12-13?

## ***Application***

The sacrifice of Christ satisfies God's requirement of justice without excusing sin. God does not play favorites in extending His mercy. How does this set the standard for us and show us the model for our behavior? (Luke 6:36, Ephesians 4:32)

## ***For Families***

Talk with your children about what it means to love our neighbor.