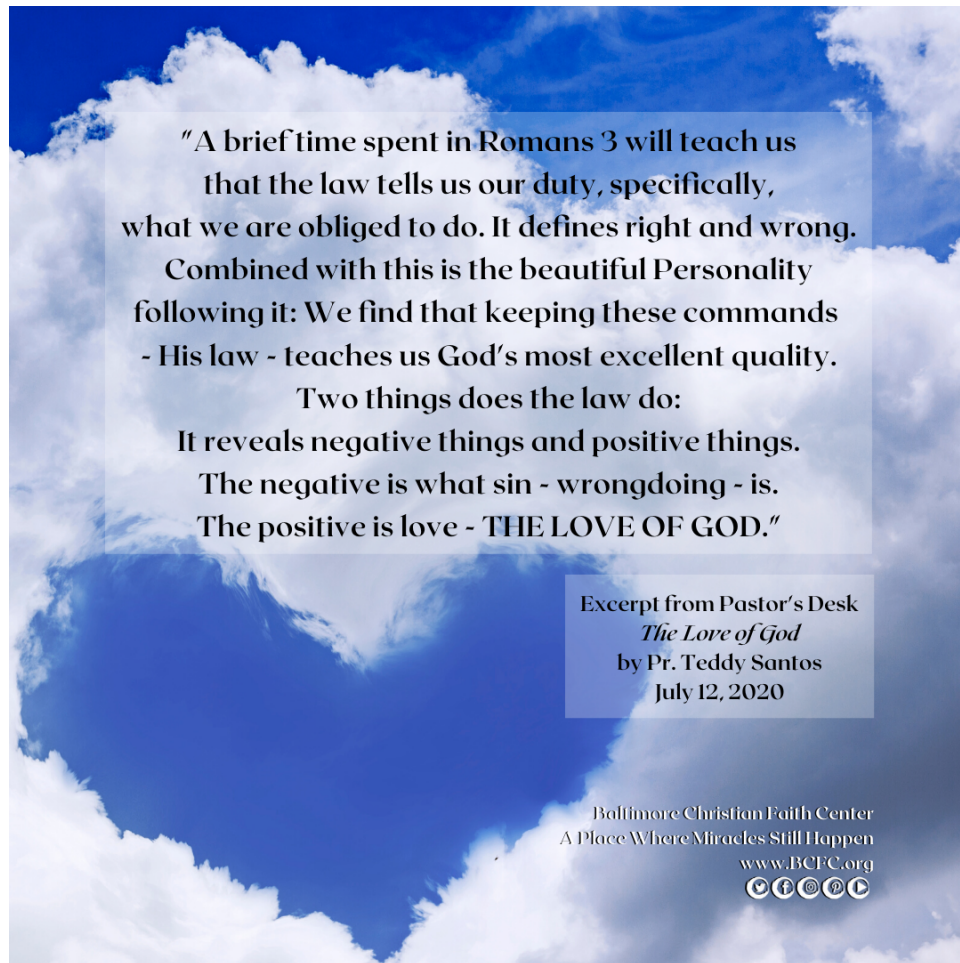


THE LOVE OF GOD

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1 John 5:3

**"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.
And His commandments are not burdensome."**

A brief time spent in Romans 3 will teach us that the law tells us our duty, specifically, what we are obliged to do. It defines right and wrong. Combined with this is the beautiful Personality following it: We find that keeping these commands - His law - teaches us God's most excellent quality. Two things does the law do: It reveals negative things and positive things. The negative is what sin - wrongdoing - is. The positive is love - THE LOVE OF GOD.

The law of the Lord is a representation of His character in words. It designates the direction toward what we are to mature to. Consider this simple question: Does the Lord call people to salvation, to toss off the road map later down the road? It is ludicrous to assume such a thing.

The law of the Lord has a Personality behind it - in terms of love. The law presents the fundamental outline, and then, when blended with the examples of God's moving in both Old and New Testament, it gives a full view of love. God's actions and Christ's example expand and make practical what the law says in words.

A person has to start somewhere, and this the law does in presenting us with its message. Then there's its Spirit, which is the magnification of the word, but it does not do away with the law. The law is then not only the guideline to what is right and wrong, but the law is also the guideline - in words - to what love is. Let us keep His commandments.

At His service,
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