

## When You're in Love

Matthew 22:36-37

Which of the following statements, if any, sound like you? Think about about what that looks like in your life.

- *I feel guilty about how badly I fail at obeying God.*
- *I sometimes avoid praying because I know that God is frustrated with me.*
- *I'm scared to think about how disappointed God is with me.*
- *I try really hard to make up to God for my shortcomings as a person.*
- *I try really hard to do what God wants because I know that I'm suppose to.*

The Bible emphasizes love, not as a replacement for obeying God but as a fulfillment of it. Rather than leading us to our own desires and passions, love actually leads us back to serving others and fulfilling God's commands. Read Galatians 5:13-14. How does love and freedom keep us away from sin?

Every religion in the world involves some form of appeasing a higher power, but the heart of Christianity is a loving relationship with God. It's not about achievement; it's about fellowship. It's not about obligation; it's about love.

*Does the Christian life feel free to you or do you feel bound to obey a system of moral commands?*