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Brothers, the Law has hampered man from rising to his superior station. When Moses came down from the Mount with the 10 commandments, it began a process which was set in motion to prevent man from focusing upon the higher mysteries. Hundreds of laws were instituted. What you could eat and when you could eat it, and what you could eat it with, and how many hours you had to wait before you could eat something else. Don't make me get into the cleansing and fasting rituals which also had to be practiced. All of these laws got in the way of the most important part of the tradition, man's personal relationship and adoration of God. Thus we see Christ sum up the commandments into just two: love the Lord thy God and love thy neighbor as thy self. And so, in our Second Reading today Paul states: "Therefore, Agape is the fulfilment of the Law."

"Love thy God." In this one commandment, Christ has summed up every commandment dealing with God in particular. "Love thy neighbor." In this commandment is every other commandment contained. In this way, Christ managed to simplify the complex and burdensome religious Law which had ruled the Jews, freeing us to focus on the higher truths, exploring the deeper mysteries, making it possible for men of all cultures, backgrounds and stations to join together, united in Agape, to worship and adore the true, one and only God.

As long as one obeys this Law of Agape, they can do no wrong. Again, this is seen in our reading when it states, "Agape does not work evil to a neighbor." In the same way, if you have Agape, a higher, transcendent love, for God, than there can be no false worship or empty works.

So as you walk through the world in the coming days, keep the Law of Agape foremost in your minds. With every action, question what this law requires of you. With time, this Agape will transform you and both your relationship with God and your neighbor will transcend this existence.