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A LOOK AT GOD'S
UNWAVERING COMMANDS

Exodus 20:13 & Matthew 5:21-26

Genesis 9:6

“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.”

“Well, I haven’t killed anyone,
so I’m good on that one!”

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“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ (worthless, empty-headed) is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

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Luke 23:34

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

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23“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar & there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go & be reconciled to them; then come & offer your gift.

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25“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. **26**Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

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But...well....what is 'love' really,
how are we defining that term?

I Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy & can fathom all mysteries & all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor & give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

I Corinthians 13

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part & we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

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When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³And now these three remain: **faith, hope & love.**
But the greatest of these is love.

The Heidelberg Catechism

“By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God’s sight all such are disguised forms of murder.”

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This command is best obeyed not by the negative action of avoidance, but in a positive action, the call, or command to love one another.

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John 13
“Just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another.”

John 13:35

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

A focus on the Law
without Christ...
produces pride or despair.

Romans 7:24

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25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!