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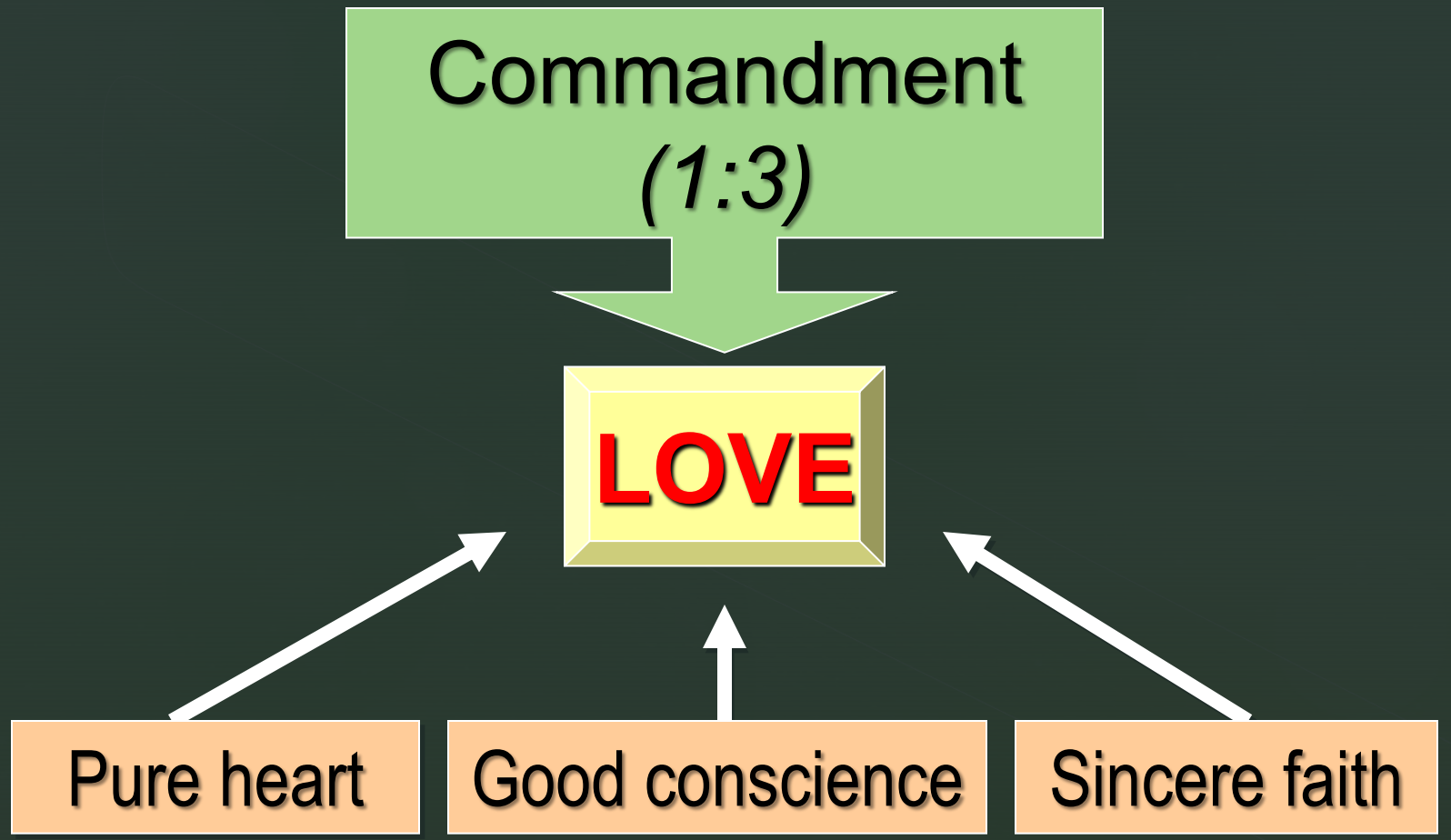

Law and Love *(Deut. 10:12-13)*

- Taking careful heed to obey is loving the Lord, *Joshua 22:5*
- God's law is the object of love, *Psalm 119:97*
- Peace from loving God's law, *Psalm 119:165-168*
- Love is fulfillment of (the) law, *Romans 13:8-10*
- Truth and love unite in Jesus Christ, *John 14:6; 1 John 4:8; Galatians 5:14*

Purpose of God's Commands is Love *(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)*

- Love is active goodwill *(1 Cor. 13:4-7)*
  - Keeps Christ's word, *John 14:15, 21, 23; 1 John 2:5*
- Sound doctrine is necessary to proper love, *1 Timothy 1:3-11*
  - 1:3-4: No other doctrine *(Galatians 1:6-7)*
  - 1:4: Truth is the basis of faith, producing edification
  - 1:6-7: Love forfeited without truth *(1:8-11; 2 John 1-6)*

Love out of a pure heart
(James 4:8; Matthew 5:8)

- Seat of one's will, *Hebrews 4:12*
  - Reflected by life, *Proverbs 23:7; Matthew 12:35 (James 3:13-17)*
- Free of corruption, *Acts 2:37-38*
- Pure thoughts and motives, *Philippians 4:8*

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- Why do I obey the commands of God? *(Proverbs 3:1-8)*
  - Love from a pure heart does not set out to break God's commands *(Matthew 5:19)*
  - Love does not obey hypocritically or self-righteously *(Matthew 5:20; 6:1)*

Love out of a good conscience

- Conscience is our moral compass
- It is “good” when it is “set” properly
  - The good conscience knows and obeys God’s truth, *1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (7-13)*

Love out of a good conscience

- Obey God's commands to train our conscience for a life of love that serves others before ourselves (*1 Cor. 9:22; 10:31-33)*
  - Refusing to love and obey God sears your conscience, *1 Timothy 4:1-2 (1 Peter 3:21)*

Love out of a sincere faith

- The expression of our trust in God;
  Our active response to truth, *James 2:18*
- Sincere: "Unfeigned, undisguised," genuine; not pretended or impersonated *(2 Timothy 1:5)*
  - Reverent (not pretentious), *Colossians 3:22-23*
  - Singleness (genuine), *2 Cor. 1:12; 2:17; 8:8*

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- God knows our hearts and whether our obedience is from love or pretense, *Luke 16:15*

"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" *(Luke 10:25-27)*

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Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. *(Ephesians 6:23-24)*