



δια τῆς ἀγαπῆς δουλεύετε ἀλλήλοις.
 through love to serve one another

The law has been fulfilled... "Love your neighbour..."
 πεπλήρωται
 perfect tense



You shall love your neighbor as yourself

↳ The Christian; not optional

Good works are necessary, but not for salvation.

James 2:14-26

↳ True good works; True spiritual life

Not outward works - circumcision, observing certain days, clothing, food, drink, traditions, ceremonies, etc.

In 3:18 Love ... with deeds and truth.

1 Cor 13:4-8 Love is ...

↳ No one is nobler than your neighbor: Vocation
Spouse, children, parents, siblings, etc.

Neighbor, church member, fellow worker, friend, etc.

Gal. 6:10
Enemy (one who has injured me)

Rom 12:21 overcome evil with good

↳ Do unto others ...

standard - Mt 7:12

teaching the erring
comforting the afflicted
encouraging the weak
helping the neighbor
bearing with his rude manners
bearing with his impoliteness
putting up with annoyances,
labors,

ingratitude of men
contempt of men in church
and in state

obeying the magistrates
treating one's parents with respect
being patient in the home
with a cranky wife
and an unmanageable family
and the like.

Luther's Works v. 27 p. 56

Christians

1. The law shows sin.
2. Trust in gospel for righteousness/ forgiveness.
3. Love your neighbor in freedom.

Judaizers

1. The law tells me what to do.
2. By keeping the law I am righteous
3. Bite and devour one another.
5:15

Heathen

1. The law...
2. Gospel is license to sin
3. Yourself

Without being united in
FAITH
and then practicing
LOVE

there is no concord and no peace
dissension (parties and factions arise)
demands for certain notions (life, works)
limitations on love
consumed by one another.