

He gives to those who trust Him the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to enable them to show the characteristics of the love and power of God, not the weakness and sins of men. This is known through personal faith in Jesus Christ, the Messiah who delivers from sin and enables us to live in the joy of the Lord. Knowing God and having the Holy Spirit within us, we are not only able to honor the law but also to fulfill the wider aspects of its meaning. Trust in God delivers us from the frustrations of our human infirmities and since we do not need to take matters into our own hands, we can allow God to execute judgment and justice.

Conclusion

It is not enough to say "I haven't killed anyone." The question is "Whom have you loved?" The point of the law remains more positive than negative for the way to avoid killing is to practice loving. That is why the Apostle John tells us that he who loves his brother walks in light but the one who hates his brother walks in darkness. Anything less than love is less than the command and may lead us to the aggressive behavior that harms life.

The love of God is best witnessed in the fact that Christ came to die for us. His death releases us from the fear of death as we trust in Him. As we are free from fear we are able to love. As we love we need have no thoughts of murder or hate. So please don't be content with the simple thought that you have not killed anyone. Look about you for someone to love and so more perfectly fulfill the law.