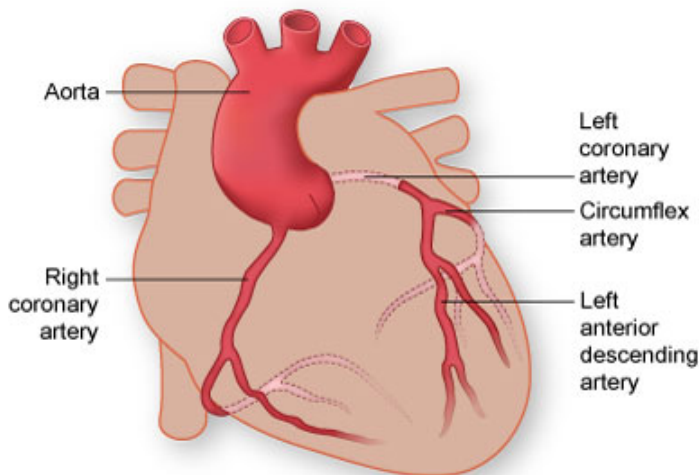


The AGAPE ARTERIES



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Just as the two main left and right coronary arteries deliver life-sustaining blood to our physical hearts, likewise the two main **AGAPE ARTERIES** of Love toward God and Love toward neighbor deliver life-sustaining Holy Spirit Agape Love to our spiritual hearts.

Notice that Jesus said that on these two main **AGAPE ARTERIES** (commandments) "depend the whole Law and the Prophets" (Mt 22:37-40). In other words, the Ten Commandments are grouped into Love toward God (Commandments 1-4) and Love toward man (Commandments 5-10) each of which is merely a more specific conduit of that Agape Love.

And also notice that just as the physical arteries themselves do not give life, likewise neither do the Ten Commandments give life.

The life comes physically from the blood, and comes spiritually from the Holy Spirit of Agape Love.

But it takes both working together to sustain life.

And just as physical death occurs if the coronary arteries are blocked or broken, likewise spiritual death occurs if the spiritual arteries of the Ten Commandments are blocked or broken.

I believe this simple analogy can help remove the alleged conflict between between Law and Love.

Law and Love work together to sustain eternal life in those who are called by the Father.

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See:

[Js 2:17-24](#)

17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I

will show you my faith by my works.” 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that **faith without works is useless**? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Mt 5:17-19

17 “**Do not think that I came to abolish the Law** or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

1 Jn 2:3-6

3 **By this we know** that we have come to know Him, if we **keep His commandments**. 4 The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

1 Jn 5:3

3 For this is the **love of God**, that we **keep His commandments**; and His commandments are not burdensome.

2 Jn 6

6 And **this is love**, that we walk according to **His commandments**. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

Jn 14:15

15 “If you **love Me**, you will keep My **commandments**.

Jn 15:10

10 If you keep **My commandments**, you will abide in **My love**; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

Mk 10:17-19

17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You **know the commandments**, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’”

Mk 7:7-9

7 ‘**BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.**’ 8 **Neglecting the commandment** of God, you hold to the **tradition of men.**” 9 He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

Mt 19:16-19

16 And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" 17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, **keep the commandments.**" 18 Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; 19 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

Lk 11:33-36

33 "No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. 34 The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness. 36 If therefore your whole body is full of light, with **no dark part in it**, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays."

Gal 5:22-23

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Rom 13:8-10

8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has **fulfilled the law.** 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other **commandment**, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 10 Love **does no wrong** to a neighbor; therefore love is the **fulfillment** of the law.

Notice that the word "**fulfillment**" above in Greek (Strong's #4138) means "that which fills or with which a thing is filled". These verses perfectly describe how Agape Love flows **through** the Law, the Ten Commandments... it ful-**FILLS** the Law!

Agape Love flows through the Ten Commandments!

By staying within the bounds of the Ten Commandments, we can experience and learn the Agape Love that "does no wrong" to our neighbor.

We do not know or receive Agape Love if we are not staying within the bounds and channels of the Ten Commandments through which Agape Love flows.

If our thoughts and actions are outside of these channels, then it is not Agape Love that is flowing through us, but is instead "the spirit that is now working in the sons of **disobedience**" (Eph 2:2).

This also means that we are not truly loving God with Agape Love if we are not keeping the first four Commandments that teach us how to funnel Agape Love toward God. **Exodus 34** shows there is a definite link between the Second Commandment and the **Leviticus 23** Holydays. So, we are not obeying the Second Commandment if we are not keeping the seven annual Leviticus 23 Holydays which were to be kept in perpetuity, in all our dwelling places. This **disobedience** proves that we do not have Agape Love in our hearts.

Mt 7:15-23

15 “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not **bear good fruit** is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, **you will know them by their fruits.**

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will** of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**’