

# Faith Alive!

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- **The Royal Law**

- ‘given by the King’ Matt 22:37-40
- the ‘king of laws’ Matt 7:12
- Not a command to love ourselves
- The pattern for how to treat others

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- By breaking any part of the law you become a lawbreaker
- All or nothing: it's more like being pregnant than like being wise/foolish...
- Even one sin shatters our relationship with God
- Our real problem: Romans 3:10-12,23; 6:23

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- **A different law – one that gives freedom!**
  - **John 8:31-36**
  - **Rom 6:16-18; 19-23; 8:1-4**
- **A new birth ... a new creation ... a new heart**
  - **John 3:3,8; II Cor 5:17;**  
**Ezekiel 36:25-28; Jeremiah 31:33-34**
- **Live it out – let's see your fruit!**
  - **Matt 7:18ff**

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**Personal Reflection/Application**

- *Don't you want to be valued for something that counts instead of looks, achievements, abilities and possessions?*
- *When we think and talk about people, let's think and talk about and elevate the things about them that really count!*