

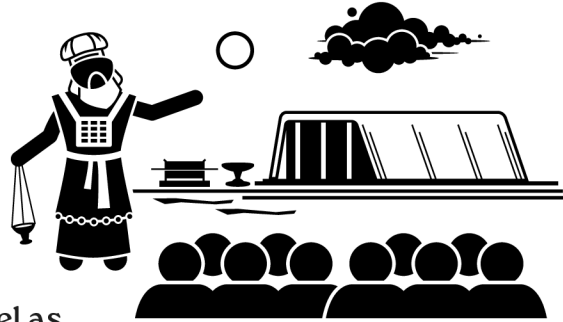
The Lord's Rules of Conduct

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18

Old
Testament
Story Time

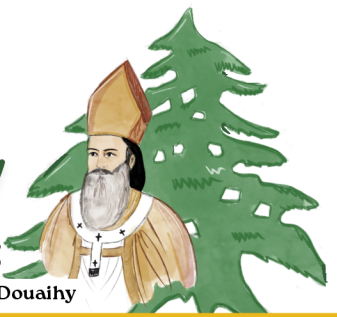
While Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt to the Promised Land of Canaan, they spent a lot of time traveling through the desert. During this time, the Lord God instructed Moses to have the people build a Tabernacle - a special place for God to dwell with His people. The Tabernacle was to be placed inside the Meeting Tent and the presence of the Lord would remain there with the people. The Meeting Tent would provide a place for the people of Israel to offer right sacrifices and to worship the Lord.

Not everyone could go inside the Meeting Tent, however. The Lord God chose the men from the Tribe of Levi, one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, to serve the people of Israel as His priests. The Book of Leviticus in the Old Testament of the Bible contains the instructions the Lord gave to Moses to give to His new priests. The Lord provided many instructions in great detail as to how to offer sacrifices to God and how to properly behave as God's chosen people.



While the Levites were established as the priests and religious leaders of the people, the goal for everyone was holiness! The Lord called upon all His people to strive for holiness in order to become like the Lord God. The purpose of these laws and rules were to set the people free from the slavery of sin and bring them into a closer relationship with the Lord God. As the Lord said to the people through Moses: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

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I give you a new commandment:
love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another.





Gospel Corner

John
13:31-35



Have you ever been surprised when someone told you that they are a Christian? Or, if you look at yourself and your own actions, do you think someone would be surprised to find out that you are a Christian? Why or why not?

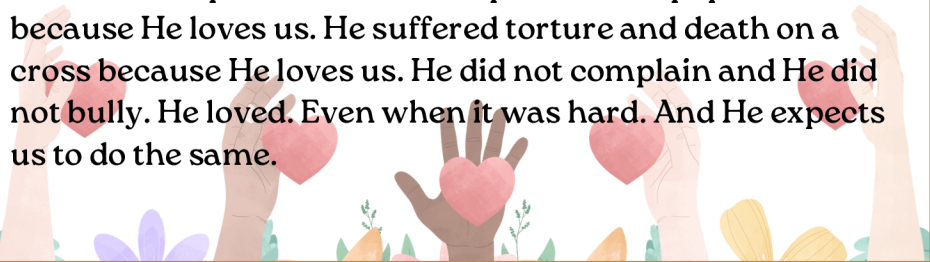
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us how to spot a Christian. It's not simply by finding someone who follows the Ten Commandments or who doesn't eat meat on Fridays or who puts money in the offering basket. (Although, as a Christian you should do all of these things.)



But if someone does these things and then bullies kids at school on Monday, they are being hypocritical and not acting like a true follower of Christ. Or if someone goes to a restaurant after Divine Liturgy just to complain about the waiter, this isn't being Christlike either.

Jesus said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love is the evidence of a true Christian. Jesus left His perfect home in Heaven to come to our sinful earth because He loves us. He spent time with the poor and unpopular because He loves us. He suffered torture and death on a cross because He loves us. He did not complain and He did not bully. He loved. Even when it was hard. And He expects us to do the same.



Did you know?

GLORY and GLORIFY

The word "glory" means to recognize and praise someone's excellence.

To "glorify" God is to acknowledge God's excellence and greatness through praise, worship, and actions that reflect His divine nature and goodness.

What you can do

Be kind to a kid who is often bullied.

Apologize to someone that you have bullied before.

Give a snack to a homeless person.

Donate your outgrown jackets to children in need.



Trace the Bible Verse



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- John 13:34