

your neighbor as belonging to your neighbor, and not become discontented and greedily desirous of them for yourself."

Thus Paul, in Romans 13:10, says that "love does not wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law."

And Jesus, in Matthew 22:39, says that the second great commandment in the Law, which summarizes the second section of the Ten Commandments, is that "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love seeks to preserve the life of other human beings.

The obligation to preserve human life in others has some notable exceptions in Scripture, including those stipulations related to capital punishment and warfare that is commanded by God.

Stipulations related to capital punishment

Leviticus 24:17 -- "If anyone takes the life of a human being, he must be put to death."

Numbers 35:33 -- "Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it."

Leviticus 20:1-16 -- "The Lord said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites: 'Any Israelite or any alien living in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech must be put to death. The people of the community are to stone him. I will set my face against that man and I will cut him off from his people; for by giving his children to Molech, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. If the people of the community close their eyes when that man gives one of his children to Molech and they fail to put him to death, I will set my face against that man and his family and will cut off from their people both him and all who follow in prostituting themselves to Molech. I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people. Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the Lord, who makes you holy. If anyone curses his father or mother, he must be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother, and his blood will be on his own head. If a man commits adultery with another man's wife--with the wife of his neighbor--both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death. If a man sleeps with his father's wife, he has dishonored his father. Both the man and the woman must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads. If a man sleeps with his daughter-in-law, both of them must be put to death. What they have done is a perversion; their blood will be on their own heads. If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads. If a man marries both a woman and her mother, it is wicked. Both he and they must be burned in the fire, so that no wickedness will be among you. If a man has sexual relations with an animal, he must be put to death, and you must kill the animal. If a woman approaches an animal to have sexual relations with