

# Knowing Jesus Bible Study Guide #3 Standards

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1. Does our Creator have the right to set a standard for how His creatures behave?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

*If you checked "NO," imagine what driving on the road would be like if there were no standards to follow, no rules to obey. Imagine what life would be like if there were no laws against stealing, or assault or murder.*

2. What is the standard that our Creator has set for us?

ANSWER: 1 John 4:7-8 God's standard is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. How do secular people define the concept of love?

*Secular is a word that describes people who feel they do not need God. Secular people define love in very human ways based upon ancient Greek philosophy. There are two ancient Greek words that are used to define love.*

**a. *phileo*** – the bond of comfort that you have with friends or family. This type of love is seen between teams of people who support one another. It is a “you-scratch-my-back-I’ll-scratch-yours” kind of love.

**b. *eros*** – anything that provides you with physical or emotional pleasure. Such as the pleasure you receive by listening to your favorite song or the love you have in getting your back scratched or your feet rubbed.

Secular love is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

4. How does the Bible define the concept of love?

*In the New Testament a new ancient Greek word was needed to describe the kind of love that God has for us and requires from us.*

**Agape** – a type of love that seeks the welfare and needs of others first. It is a type of love that focuses on others and their needs with the same love that you have for yourself.

EXAMPLE: Matthew 22:36-40 Biblical love is always focused in two areas.

1. Love for \_\_\_\_\_

2. Love for \_\_\_\_\_

Biblical love is \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the standard that God has set for us to practice biblical love?

ANSWER: Romans 13:8-10 The standard God set for us is called the Law or the \_\_\_\_\_  
Commandments.

6. Where are these standards located in the Bible?

ANSWER - \_\_\_\_\_

7. Read God's standards below and write how this standard is based upon Agape love.

**Exodus 20:3** *"You shall have no other gods before Me."*

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**Exodus 20:4-6** *"You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."*

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**Exodus 20:7** *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain."*

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**Exodus 20:8-11** *"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy."*

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**Exodus 20:12** *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you."*

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**Exodus 20:13** *"You shall not kill."*

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**Exodus 20:14** *"You shall not commit adultery."*

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**Exodus 20:15** *“You shall not steal.”*

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**Exodus 20:16** *“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”*

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**Exodus 20:17** *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”*

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#### ANSWERS

1. Yes
2. Love
3. Self-centered
4. a. Love for God  
b. Love for others  
c. Biblical love is other person focused
5. Ten
6. Exodus 20:3-17
- 7.a. Love for God is always seen in the Bible like a marriage. Fidelity towards God is similar.  
b. 1 Samuel 15:23; Colossians 3:5; give spiritual examples of idolatry but in general it is substituting anything for God.  
c. How can you say you love God when you misrepresent Him with your actions and words  
d. Choosing to worship God’s way and one God’s day is an expression of love for God.  
e. You cannot love your parents if you do not honor and respect them.  
f. You cannot love someone if you desire to kill them. This includes yourself. (smoking, drugs, etc)  
g. You do not love your husband or wife if you covet another and take them.  
h. If I love you I won’t take what is yours without your permission.  
i. If I love you I won’t lie to you or about you.  
j. love is happy that their neighbor has things and does not lust after them.