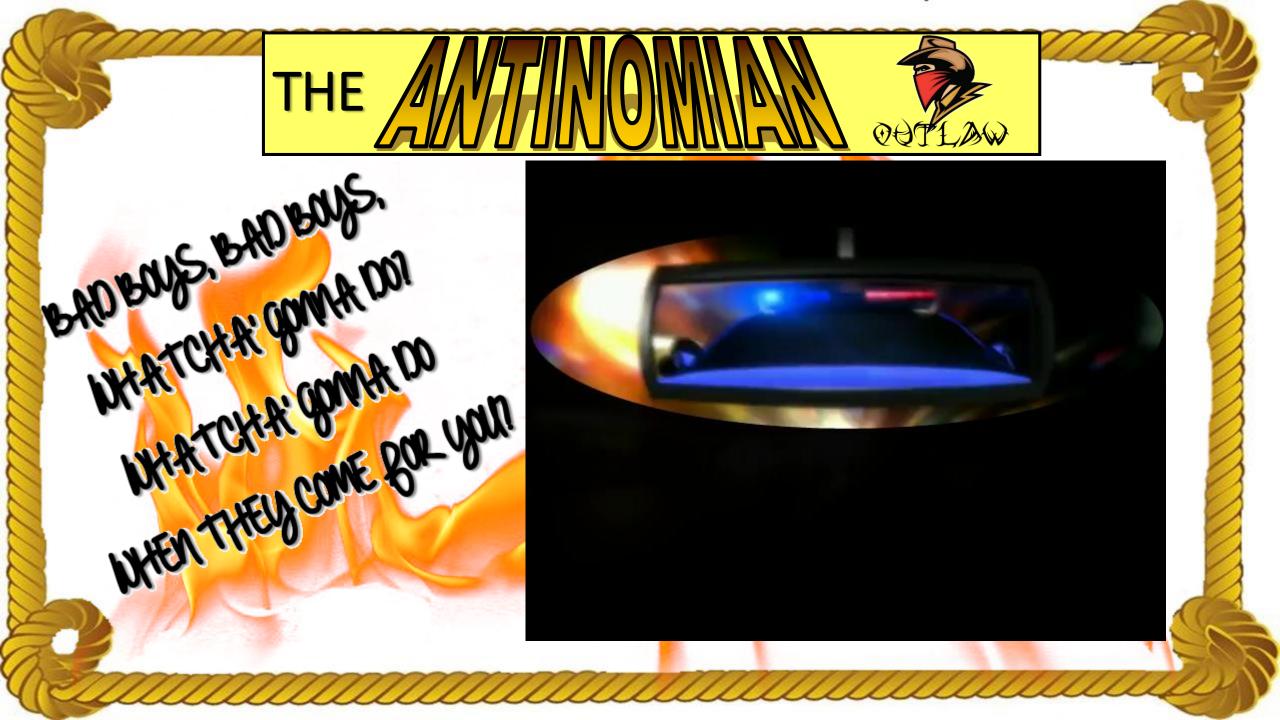


DEAD OR ALIVE

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NUMBER OF LAWS INCREASED YET LAWLESSNESS ABOUNDS EVEN MORE ARE YOUA

- ✓ skyrocketing crime rates
- ✓ larceny (theft)
- ✓ Shoplifting
- ✓ vandalism (destruction of property)
- ✓ arson (setting fires)
- ✓ murder
- ✓ illegal drug traffic
- ✓ little discipline in schools
- ✓ Violent or sinful campus demonstrations
- ✓ Grumbling violent striking workers
- lack of respect towards police, teachers and those in authority
 - disobedience to parents

- profanity
 - pornography
- / Immorality
- í rape
- unwed mothers
- \checkmark abortion
- ✓ breakdown of families
- 🗸 divorce
- ✓ homosexuality
- ✓ pedophilia
- ✓ street riots
- lack of respect and honor towards country







Matthew 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work <u>iniquity</u>.

Matthew 23:27-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men but within ye are full of hypocrisy and <u>iniquity</u>.

"Only fancy what the effect would be upon our country if a proclamation were issued, that henceforth all manner of offences against the law would be immediately forgiven, and men might still continue to perpetrate them. We should hasten to emigrate from such a pandemonium. The wicked might approve of such a relaxation of the bonds of law, but it would be an awful curse to the righteous. If the judge of all the earth could possibly forgive sin while men continue to indulge in it, I do not see how the world could be inhabited; it would become a den of beasts, wild and without restraint, raging against all goodness, and even against themselves. The very pillars of society would be moved if sin could be at the same time indulged by the sinner and pardoned by the Lord. [Spurgeon 1278.88]

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THE Be it **immediately** known that the scriptures condemn lawlessness: **1 John 3:2-5** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

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THE Definition Of The Greek Words Strong's Greek Dictionary 458. ανομια anomia an-om-ee'ah from 459; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive case) wickedness:—iniquity, X transgress(-ion of) the law, unrighteousness. Strong's Greek Dictionary 459. ανομος anomos an'-om-os from 1 (as a negative particle) and 3551; lawless, i.e. (negatively) **not subject to** (the Jewish) **law**; (by implication) a Gentile), or (positively) wicked:—without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked.

1 John 3:6-9 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth **not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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JESUS DEFINES A LAWLESS PERSON AS ONE HE DOESN'T KNOW.

Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (lawlessness)

NOW THATS AN ANTI-KNOW-ME-END! (ANTINOMIAN)

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. www.totw.ord

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

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The American dictionary of the English Language by Noah Webster (1828) defines the word "antinomian": One of a sect who maintain, that, under the gospel dispensation, <u>the law is of no use or obligation; or who</u> <u>hold doctrines which supersede the necessity of good</u> works and a virtuous life.

THIS SECT ORIGINATED WITH JOHN AGRICOLA ABOUT THE YEAR 1538. AN'TINOMIST, n. One who pays <u>no regard</u> to the law, or to good works. ANTINO'MIAN, a. [Gr. against, and law.] Against law; pertaining to the Antinomians. ANTINO'MIANISM, n. The tenets of Antinomians.

Lawlessness involves attitude. James taught:

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James 2:10-13 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. James is describing one who keeps what he wants and then

flagrantly rejects other parts (see context).

resence of The reality of sin necessarily presupposes the existence of law, because without the breaking of law, sin does not exist. (1John3:4) Law, indeed, is part of the system of grace (Gal. 6:2). We are under the "perfect law of liberty" (Jas. 1: 25). Albeit, there are commands that must be respected and obeyed, there is the matter of authority to which we must submit (Heb. 5: 8, 9, Col. 3: 17).

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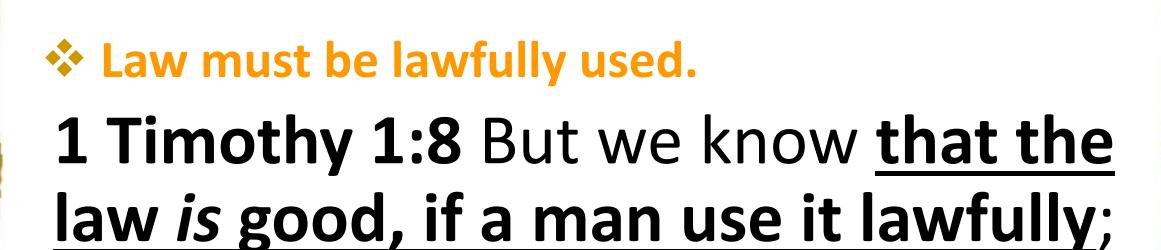
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James 4:11-12 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

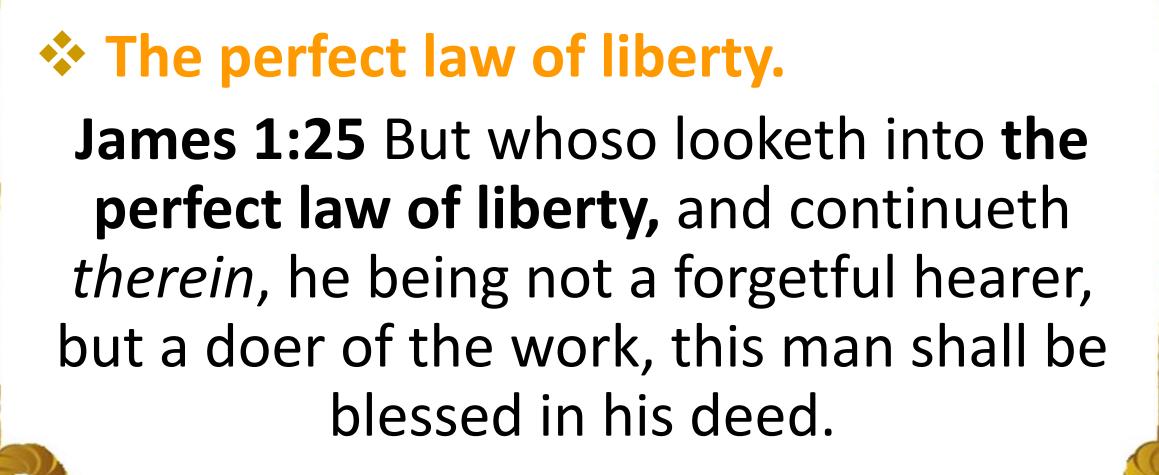
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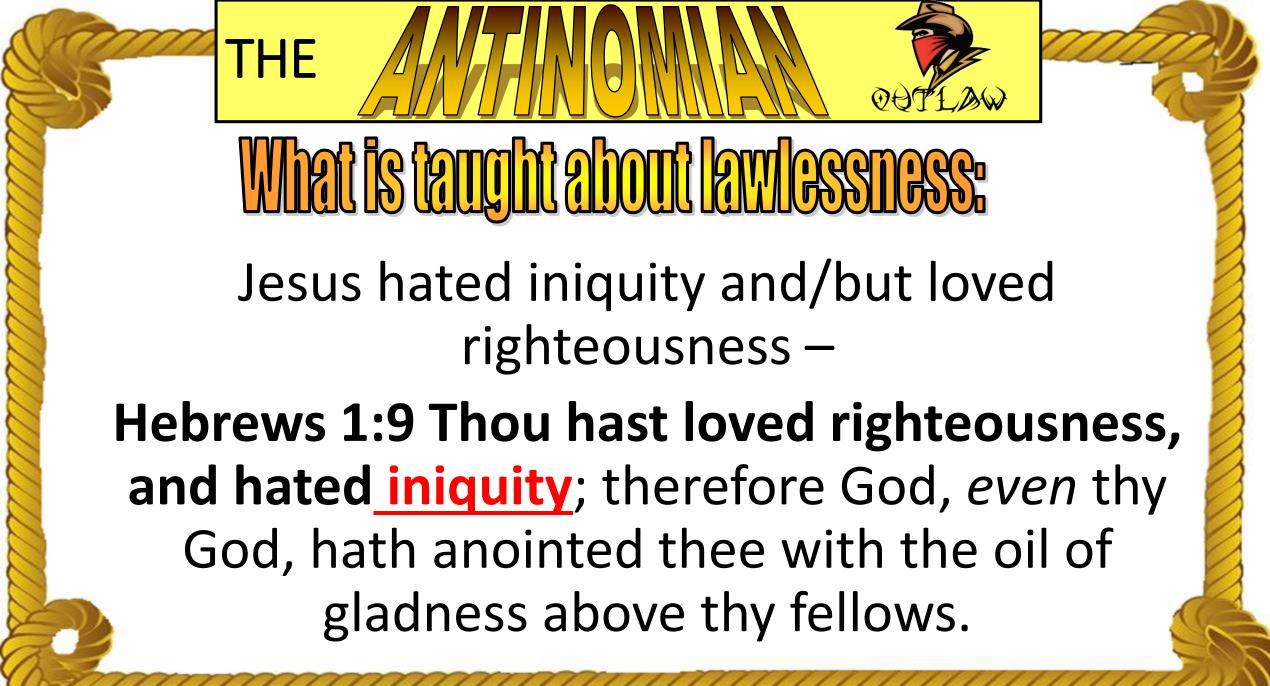
2 Timothy 2:4-6 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that boureth must be first partaker of the fruits.



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What is taught about lawlessness:

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As we have already seen even the very religious can be rejected on Judgment Day due to lawlessness (anomia) – Matthew 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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Matthew 13:39-42 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which **do iniquity**; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Lawlessness cancels out love – Matt. 24: 12. ("What about those who say what we need is more 'love' and less emphasis on 'law?'")

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Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity (anomia or lawlessness) shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.



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The mystery of iniquity was at work in Paul's day – 2 Thes. 2: 7 (notice the "lawless one," v. 8, ASV).

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity (anomia) doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
8 And then shall that Wicked (anomos) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:



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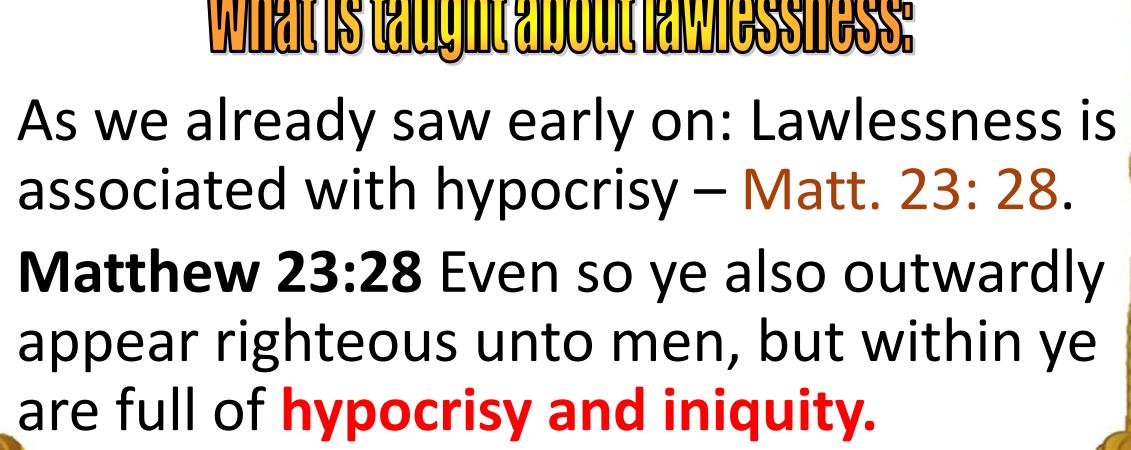
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2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away (apostasia) first, and that man of sin (harmatia) be revealed, the son of perdition (destruction); Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness (anomia) ? and what communion (koinonia or fellowship) hath light with darkness?



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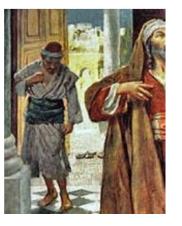
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Luke 18:9-12 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

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Luke 18:13-14 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.



Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Luke 17:10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.;



Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Titus 3:3-7 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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2 Peter 2:1-2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.



Jude 3-5 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, **ungodly men, turning the** grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God**.

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1 John 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5:5 For this ye know, that NO whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 5:6 LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS: for BECAUSE of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

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1 John 3:7 LITTLE CHILDREN, LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

THE OUTLAW 1 John 2:1-6 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ve sin not. (STOP- SOAK THAT IN!-KH) And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.



Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became <u>the author of eternal salvation unto all</u> <u>them that **OBEY him**;</u>

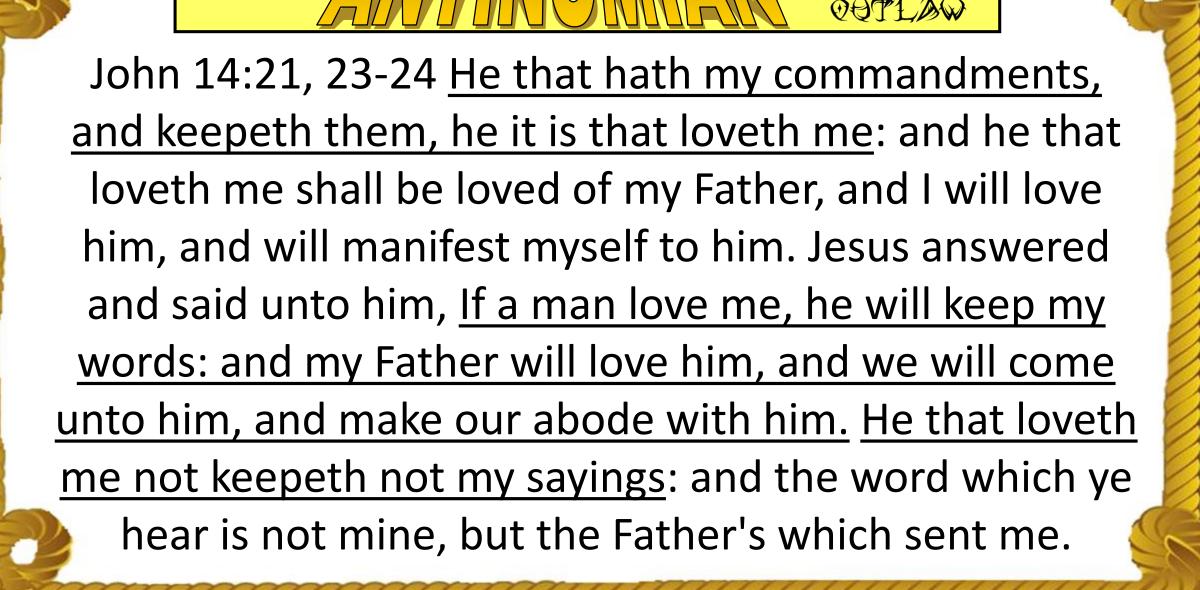
Webster's 1828 Dictionary, GRACE="the favorable influence of God... in <u>renewing the</u> <u>heart **and RESTRAINING from sin**</u>." **Titus 2:11-15** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us that, denying** ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity (anomia), and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

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2 John 1:6 And <u>this is love</u>, that we walk after his <u>commandments</u>. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

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God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

(I John 5: 3, notice "love" and "commandments" blend and "love" prompts keeping "commandments").



1 Peter 1:15-16 But <u>as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye</u> <u>holy in all manner of conversation</u>; Because it is written, <u>Be ye</u> <u>holy; for I am holy</u>.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, AND HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord:

1 John 3:22-23 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

