

Je rule keeping <u>won't</u> get you into <u>heaven</u>, then <u>why</u> all the <u>rules</u>?

Relationship <u>always</u>

precedes the rules.

God did not give Israel the law as a means of establishing a relationship with Him. God gave Israel the law because they were already in relationship with Him.

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:2-3, NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8, NIV)

Why all the rules?

The rules are God's way of saying, "Because I love you, here's how I want you to live."

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34, NIV)