

“LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS”

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Matthew 22:36 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” :37 Jesus replied, “You must love the lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ’:38 This is the first and greatest commandment. :39 A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. ’:40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

INTRODUCTION

DEUT 6:4-6

**:4 “Listen, O Israel! The lord is our God, the lord alone.
5 And you must love the lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength:6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.**

LEV. 19:18

“ Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the lord.

LOVE IS THE PROOF OF DISCIPLESHIP

John 13:34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. :35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

YOU DO NOT LOVE GOD IF YOU DONT LOVE OTHERS

1 John 3:10 So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

:8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

:20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? 21 And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

PHILEO - THE HUMAN LOVE THAT CARES BUT WITH CONDITIONS

EROS - THE EROTIC OR SEXUAL LOVE THAT IS ATTRACTED WITH CONDITIONS

AGAPE - THE GOD KIND OF LOVE THAT HAS NO CONDITIONS

1. LOVING GOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL WE DO

37 Jesus replied, "You must love the lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ':38 This is the first and greatest commandment. :

- WORSHIP HIM**
- LOVE OTHERS**
- KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS**

John 14:15 'If you love me, obey my commandments.

2. LOVING OTHERS IS THE PRIMARY WAY WE LOVE GOD

- LOVING OTHERS IS THE PROOF OF DISCIPLESHIP (JOHN 13:34)**

- **LOVING OTHERS HELPS KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS (LEV 19:18)**

3. JESUS EXISTENCE WAS BASED ON LOVE

- **GOD SENT HIM BECAUSE HE LOVED US**

John 3:16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

- **HE CAME BECAUSE HE LOVED THE FATHER**

John 5:19 So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."

- **HE ACTED BECAUSE HE LOVED US**

Matthew 9:35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. :36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- **HE DIED BECAUSE HE LOVED US**

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

1. LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE KINGDOM

- WHERE DO I NEED TO STEP UP?***
- RESENTMENT AND UNFORGIVENESS ARE THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE***

2. IN ORDER TO MODEL JESUS I HAVE TO WALK IN LOVE

- DO MY ACTIONS TOWARD OTHERS MIRROR JESUS?***

3. WHO OR WHAT REALLY CHALLENGES MY LOVE ABILITY?