

SERMON NOTES



Love God...Love People The Command to Love

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Do you find love easy or difficult?

Matthew 22:34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Do you want to know what command is the greatest?

1. Which ones make up my _____?
2. Which ones matter to _____?
3. Which ones get me to _____?

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

1. The greatest command: Love the Lord your _____!

a. Love: _____ to sacrifice all!

- *You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.*

b. The LORD: The _____ God of the covenant

- *Exodus 34:6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving*

wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

c. Your God: _____ and _____

- *Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

d. With all your heart: _____

e. With all your soul: _____

f. With all your mind: _____

2. A great command: Love your _____!

a. Love: Willingness to _____ all!

- *John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*

b. Your neighbor: _____ around you

- *Luke 10:36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*

c. As yourself: You know how to love _____!

- *Ephesians 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*

3. The command is great!

a. It shows our _____ and our _____!

- *Romans 8:22-24 There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

b. It reflects God’s _____ for us!

- *1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.*

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SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

DIGGING DEEPER: Apply to My Life

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*