

## **THREE DIMENSIONS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE**

### **MATT 22:34-40**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Christians Love is loving God, one another, and yourself. The love for self will take care of itself. Our love for God and one another goes hand in hand – you cannot have one without the other.

- “<sup>20</sup> If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? <sup>21</sup> And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also (1 John 4:20-21).

- I. Love for God (vv. 37-38)**
  - A. Love the Lord**
  - B. Requires a Commitment.**
  - C. Requires Obedience**
  - D. Requires a Life of Prayer**
  
- II. Love for Others (v. 39a)**
  - A. Warning**
  - B. Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself**
  - C. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)**
  
- III. Love for Self (v. 39b)**
  - A. Get Rid of Inner Garbage**
  - B. Self-Discipline**
  - C. Forgiving Spirit**
  - D. Trust and Depend on God**
  - E. Be an Encourager**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. God is Love**
  
- B. Christian Love is self-sacrificing – non-reciprocating**
  
- C. Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, and soul. Love thy neighbor as thyself.**
  
- D. Three dimensions of Christian love is:**
  - **Love for God – Love for Others – Love for Self**
  - **Cannot have one without the other**
  
- E. It is only thru the Blood of Christ that one can find peace, happiness, and love (1 Cor 13:4-8).**

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**“the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**