

LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS

Mark 12:28-34

(Gospel Parallel: Matt 22:33-40)

INTRODUCTION:

A. This Text Summarizes Jesus Identifying The Two Greatest Commandments.

Loving God Supremely (heart, soul, mind, strength), **and Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself.** Jesus declares that these two commandments covers all the law, which a scribe recognized, leading Jesus to say to him, “Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God” (v. 34).

- “³⁰ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:30-31).

B. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr – Quotes About Love

- “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”
- “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”
- “Yes, it is love that will save our world and our civilization, love even for enemies.”

In this message, we will survey two love commandments: To Love God Supremely, and To Love Others Genuinely.

I. THE FIRST COMMANDMENT: LOVE GOD SUPREMELY (vv. 28-30)

- A. **The Scribe Came To Jesus** (v. 28; Marl 11:27-33; Mark 12:13-17)
- B. **The Scribe's Question** (v. 28)
- C. **Christ's Answer** (vv. 29-31; Eph 4:6; 1 Tim 2:5)

II. THE SECOND COMMANDMENT: LOVE OTHERS GENUINELY (vv. 31-34; Lev

- 19:18; John 13:33-35; 1 John 4:20-21)
- A. **We Are To Love Ourselves** (v. 31)
- B. **We Are To Love Our Neighbors** (vv. 31; 33-37; Luke 10:25-37)
- C. **How To Show Love For Our Neighbor**
- D. **The Lawyer Responded With Delight To Christ's Answer** (Mark 12:31-34; Gal 3:20)

CONCLUSION:

- A. **We must follow the Two Commandments of Love: (1) The First Commandment: Love God Supremely; and (2) The Second Commandment: Love Others Genuinely.**
- B. **Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.**
- C. **Agape Love is Christian Love – Love for God and Love for One Another – You Cannot Have One Without The Other**
- D. **Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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