

INSIDE IDEAS Commanded to Love

MATTHEW 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ... "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." vv. 34-36, 40

I. God commands that we love _____ fully.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." vv. 37-38

EVALUATION:

TO LOVE GOD FULLY you need a new _____.

"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules." Ezekiel 36:26-27

INVITATION:

II. God commands that we love _____ fully.

"And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." v. 39

EVALUATION:

TO LOVE OTHERS FULLY you need a satisfied _____.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:19-21

INVITATION:

**GOD
COMMANDS
US** AND _____ US
to love
the way He loves us.





1. Do you think it's possible to command emotions, either our own or someone else's?
2. Read Matthew 22:34-40. How were the Jews disobeying the two greatest commandments?

FOR THIS WEEK
SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:
 Matthew 22:37
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
JOURNAL:
 Matthew 22:34-40

"To say that Jesus died for man's sin is to say that He died for man's hatred of God, which is the essence of all sin. Christ died for man's lack of love for God. And just as He offers forgiveness for past lack of love for God, Christ also provides for future love for God. The great Forgiver is also the great Enabler, because through Christ, 'the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us' (Rom 5:5)."
 JOHN MACARTHUR

3. In our culture today the emphasis is on loving our neighbor to the exclusion of loving God. Why doesn't that work?

4. How is love of God and others different from following laws, yet still fulfilling laws?

5. Jesus laid down the complete definition of religion: *Religion consists of loving God.* How will this definition shape your days going forward?

JOURNAL Matthew 22:34-40

The person who truly loves the Lord with all his heart and soul and mind is the person who trusts Him and obeys Him. That person demonstrates his love by

- meditating on God's glory (Ps 18:1-3)
- seeking fellowship with God (Ps 63:1-8)
- being sensitive to how God feels (Ps 69:9)
- loving whom God loves (1 Jn 5:1)
- grieving over sin (Matt 26:75)
- longing to be with Christ (2 Tim 4:8)
- trusting in God's divine power (Ps 31:23)
- loving God's law (Ps 119:165)
- loving what God loves (Ps 119:72, 97, 103)
- hating what God hates (Ps 97:10)
- rejecting the world (1 Jn 2:15)
- obeying God wholeheartedly (Jn 14:21)

Which of these aspects of loving God can you focus on this week?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.cbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

WOMEN IN THE WORD How do we walk with Jesus when we're broken, tempted to choose wrongly or even unaware of our mistakes? Our study in the book of James, Living Wisdom, offers practical ways to live faithfully. Join us on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. or 7 p.m. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/women.

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GRIEFSHARE If you have lost a loved one, we are so sorry. Healing starts when people can talk about their grief, meet others who are dealing with similar circumstances and acquire valuable resources that can be used daily. The GriefShare group meets weekly for 10 weeks starting Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Email AdelaideR@christchapelbc.org to learn more.

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SIDE-BY-SIDE If you want to bless young women as they grow in their faith, join us Saturday, Sept. 24 for this Side-by-Side workshop. Learn how to disciple others and hear testimonies of women who know how to deepen another woman's walk with God. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

THE OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY CLASS IS BACK! Dr. Bill Egener teaches the books of the O.T. in chronological order—and some New Testament books will be included along the way. We promise that your walk with Jesus will never be the same as you mine endless treasures. Sundays beginning Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. in the Oak Room. See ccbcfamily.org/events.

HOME GROUPS A church family is Sunday mornings, but it's also the people who walk with you through everyday circumstances. From studying Scripture together to catching up about your week, Home Groups are a great way to be connected and meet more people here at Christ Chapel. Visit ccbcfamily.org/cp.

SERVE OUR SCHOOLS This ministry of Local Outreach partners with schools in Tarrant, Parker and Johnson County to support students and teachers in the classroom. From tutoring and giving teachers an extra hand to sharing the gospel in after-school Bible clubs, you can make an eternal impact. Get involved by visiting ccbcfamily.org/schools.

SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY More volunteers are needed to help us teach kids about Jesus! Share the gospel and help them grow in their faith on Sundays. Visit ccbcfamily.org/kids.



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