

Title: Heart and Soul: Upward

Scripture: Deut. 6:4-5, Matthew 28:19-20

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**Bible Version: NKJV** 

BOTTOM LINE: God loves you and has a purpose for you.

**Shema-** Classic Hebrew confession of faith.

# **Describes two things:**

- 1. Who God is.
- 2. Our duty towards Him.

### **Deut. 6:4**

The LORD our God, the LORD is one-We worship the creator of all things. One God, three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

Try to get into your minds around the magnitude of just how big our God is. He created all things! This is our God!

God is the creator of all things.

#### **Deut. 6:5**

Love the LORD your GOD with all your heart- Once we know who God is and what He has done for us, we can and should act rightly towards Him.

**Love the LORD-** What God wants most from us is our love. God doesn't want your money, your talent....when He gets your love, He gets all of that too.

With all of your soul- Your inner most being.

All your strength- everything you have got physically.

When we come into a loving relationship with our heavenly Father we

begin to change.

God works in our lives through His word and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28

Vs. 19

**Go therefore**- Jesus uses His authority here. This is a command from Jesus to His audience (which includes us).

The great commission is a commandment, not a suggestion.

Jesus said 'Go' to some very imperfect disciples.-Guzik

**Make disciples**- Not converts. Not supporters.

**Disciples**-Learners, students, scholars.

# **Facts about Disciples:**

- They are made, not spontaneously created.
- They are involved with other Christians.

Baptizing them- Baptize them in the trinity. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Vs. 20

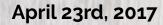
**Teaching them-** With the Word of God.

We have a saying at ACC, the Word of God changes lives, not some man or programs.

I am with you always- The resurrection of Christ is a game changer. He is with us always!

When we become believers in Jesus, we become instruments of God.

If you are ever going to be the person that God wants you to be then you have to have an active faith.





Heart and Soul: Upward Deut. 6:5, 1 John 4:19

BOTTOM LINE: God loves you and has a purpose for you.

Male

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.



### DISCUSS.

- What are some different things you have seen people love with all of their heart, soul, & might?
- 2. Why do you think people put so much of their heart & soul into loving these different things?
- 3. If we were to ask the people closest to you, what do you think they would say you loved with all of your heart, soul, & might?
- 4. Discuss as a group what it takes to love God with all of your heart, soul, and might. What would it look like? What would that person do, say, or how would that person behave?

### DO.



- 1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?

