

“Truth Matters! But So Does Love!”

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:8-10

1. Good _____ make good _____ and good _____ risks. (Rom. 13:7,8; 12:13)
2. Loving others is _____ debt that you _____ daily. (Rom. 13:8; Mt. 5:43-48)
3. As a Christian, your love should _____ from the rest. (Rom. 13:9,10; Mt. 22:37-39)
4. Your mission is to _____ the _____ and _____ of God through how you _____ and how you _____. (Psa. 40:10, 25:10; Eph. 4:15)
5. To be a well-_____ Christian, you need both _____ and _____. (1 Jn. 3:18; 2 Thess. 2:10)

Discussion Questions

1. Take a few minutes to look over the five main points of the sermon and discuss their relevance to your life. Which one(s) do you have the most challenge with? Why?
2. What are Evangelical Christians in America best known for? (Hint: It is NOT our love for those who are different from us.) Do you think it is possible for us to change our reputation? If so, how?
3. Read Matthew 5:43,44. Jesus is very serious about love! Especially showing love for those who are most difficult to love. Why?
4. Share a story from your own life (if you have one) where a Christian’s love for someone brought them to Jesus.
5. Read Matthew 6:19-21, 24. Discuss the difference between seeing money as a “tool” or as a “treasure.” How does a Christian keep his/her use of money in line with Jesus’ words?
6. Read point 5 in the sermon notes. Describe the imbalance you see around you between truth and love. Which of the two tends to outweigh the other in your personal life?
7. Read the following Scriptures about “truth”: Jn 8:31,32; 14:6. What are these verses teaching us?