



August 6th, 2023 – “The Great Commandment”

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

"You don't love someone because they're perfect, you love them in spite of the fact that they're not."

✦ **Unconditional Love**; love without strings attached. It's love you offer freely. You don't base it on what someone does for you in return. You simply love them.

Luke 5:30-32, Matthew 22:34-36

Jesus' brilliant answer in Matthew 22:40 sets the stage not only for our series, but for Christians throughout history to better understand the heart of God's love for people.

Matthew 22:36-40

✦ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on loving God, and loving _____.

Without Agape love, we could never _____ the law of God.

✦ "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind" comes from Deuteronomy 6:5 and is part of the Jewish _____ prayer.

✦ The second greatest commandment comes from Leviticus 19:18; "love your _____ as yourself.."

Jesus had both the divine authority and insight to make the claim, "*all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments: love God and love People.*"

✦ We must always base our actions on God's law of love, not just _____ conformity.

2 Corinthians 5:17, John 15:9-13

✦ Who we are to be and how we are to act should both flow from _____ God, and _____ people.

John 13:34-35

✦ The greatest commandment of love is that we are to _____ our lives for one another.

Trade what's valuable in your life so others may experience the fullness of life.

✦ Jesus wants us to be intentional and _____ about loving others.

Answers: people, obey, Shema, neighbor, moral, loving, loving, trade, impartial.

**all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*