

**Love God,  
Love  
People**

**Mark 12:28-34**

# Church App

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Write down the verse that best encompasses the bible.  
What you think is the most important verse in the Bible?

## Mark 12:28-34

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any

- Loving God and loving people is and should be at the center and the heart of everything that we do as followers of Jesus!
- Every thought, action and decision should be streamlined by this principle: Is what I'm doing loving God first and, when applicable, is it also loving my neighbor in the process?

# Mark 12:30

Love (Agape)- Agape love is the strongest form of the word love

- Self-sacrificing
- Unconditional
- No strings attached (meaning I may never get anything in return)
- It's a choice

# Definition of Love

“Love is a commitment to the best of another, even if the other does not recognize or accept the reality of the good.” - Sean McDowell

# 1 .We Love Who He is and What He has Done for Us

- We understand the fullness of the gospel
- We deserve eternal separation but Jesus steps in and gives us eternal life
- Agape love in your heart, soul, and mind for Jesus is going to come to its fullness when you understand your spiritual condition without Jesus. When you realize that you are dead.

Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9

## 2. We Seek First His Kingdom

- Matthew 6:33
- When you pledge your allegiance to Jesus as the master of your life you start to seek His Kingdom above every other little kingdom of this world.
- Jesus is inviting you and I to a better life. A life that involves being in His Kingdom.

### 3. We Love His Word/Commandments

- “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”  
(John 14:15)
- God’s word/commandments are the blueprint for how we seek the Kingdom of God. This is how we can discern and know that what we are living for, participating in, allowing in front of us is seeking the Kingdom of God.
- Do these things align up with God’s Word?

Hear this, God's commands for us are intended for our good. God's commands are not random, inconsistent, or meaningless. They are intended to show us His character and to help us flourish in our lives and relationships!

# Mark 12:30 Continued

Heart- The heart is the center of one's being whether this be physical, spiritually, or mental. Out of the heart flows your beliefs, who you are as a person, your thoughts, actions and intentions

# Mark 12:30 Continued

Soul- The soul is our desires and our emotions. Our souls are eternal! They will spend an eternity with Jesus or an eternity separated from Him.

# Mark 12:30 Continued

Mind- The mind is referring to our intellect.

Strength- is the power, effort and will of one to love God.

# How Do We Love People?

- When we love God first with all our heart, soul, strength and mind that is going to produce an abundant overflow that will seep into every other area of our lives.
- We love God first, then as a result, we love ALL people.

# 1. By being Christ's Ambassador

- God has given you a Heavenly Mission!
- You are His Ambassador!

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- An ambassador is a messenger that officially represents someone of higher authority than them.

## 2. By Honoring them as those Made in the Image of God

- Everyone, no matter race/ethnicity, is made in the image of God.
- Everyone has value in the eyes of God
- When we defile/take advantage of someone for our own gain or pleasure we are making a mockery of the image of God.
- YOU are made in the image of God! Therefore, God radically loves you