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Our Mission: Love God

Mark 12:28-30 - *One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'*

That We Should Respond With Love For God

For the Disciple Of Christ, Love Is An Act Of The Will

Our Love For God Involves The Entirety Of Our Inner Self

Psalms 103:1 - *Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. NIV*

Romans 13:8-10 - *Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law.⁹ For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.*

A Loving Relationship With God Enables Us To Have Loving Relationships With Others

Jeremiah 7:22-23 - *When I led your ancestors out of Egypt, it was not burnt offerings and sacrifices I wanted from them.²³ This is what I told them: 'Obey me, and I will be your God, and you will be my people. Do everything as I say, and all will be well!'*

Hosea 6:6 - *I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.*

Legalistic Sacrifice Without Actionable Love Is Empty And Hypocritical

Mark 1:17 - *And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."* ESV

Three Attributes Of A Disciple:

- 1) Follow Jesus.**
- 2) Be Changed By Jesus.**
- 3) Commit To The Mission Of Jesus.**