

The Second Greatest Commandment

Series: Revisiting the Vision

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Text: Mark 12: 28-34

'The second is: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.' Mark 12:31

Introduction

Revisiting the Vision:

1. Love _____.
2. Love _____.
3. Love to _____.

The Second Commandment

1. The _____ of the Commandment.

- a. It is the _____ of community.

'Do not take revenge or bear a grudge against members of your community, but love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.' Leviticus 19:18

- b. It sets the heart for community with _____ and peace.

'These are the things you must do: Speak truth to one another; render honest and peaceful judgments in your gates. Do not plot evil in your hearts against your neighbor, and do not love perjury, for I hate all this' – the LORD's declaration. Zechariah 8:16-17

2. The _____ of the Commandment.

- a. It goes beyond our _____ ability.

You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' Matthew 5:43-44

- b. It calls us to personal _____.

'Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them – this is the Law and the Prophets.' Matthew 7:12

3. The _____ with the Commandment.

- a. Loving people means serving not _____ people.

For you are called to freedom brothers; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the entire law is fulfilled in one statement: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another. Galatians 5:13-15

- b. If you love _____, you will love _____.

If anyone boasts, 'I love God,' and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.' 1 John 4:20, The Message

Conclusion

'Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment – all are summed up by this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law.' Romans 13:8-10