The necessary quality of all true Christians

The Great Commandment from The Gospel of Mark 12:28-34

Introduction

> **28 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 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 The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE 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 HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.**

#1 The involving inquiry 28

Luke 20:39 *Teacher, you have spoken well*

Matthew 23:4 *They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders*

#2 The informing instruction – parts one and two 29-31

FIRST – part one 29-30

Deuteronomy 6:5 *You shall LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might* **Deuteronomy 10:12** *What does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and LOVE Him* **Deuteronomy 11:13**, *I am commanding you today to Love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul*

John 3:16 *For God so loved the World that He gave His only Begotten Son* **Ephesians 5:25** *Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for Her.* **John 15:13** *greater love has no one than this, that He lay down His life for His friends"*

John 17:26 *and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*
1 Corinthians 16:22 *If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed.*

WITH

HEART   Proverbs 4:23 *Keep your heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.*

SOUL   Matthew 26:38 *My soul is exceedingly sorrowful*

MIND

STRENGTH

ALL

SECOND – part two 31

Leviticus 19:18 *You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.*

1 John 4:20 *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.* **Matthew 5:43** *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*

Matthew 22:40 *On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets*

#3 The interesting investigation 32-33

Deuteronomy 4:35 *To you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; there is no other besides Him*

1 Samuel 15:22 *Samuel said, "Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams…*

#4 The increasing interest 34a

#5 The impeding interaction 34b

1st Loving God is what it means to be a _____
1 John 4:19 *We love, because He first loved us.*
Romans 5:5 *the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

2nd Loving God is shown through _____
John 14:15 *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

3rd Loving God is a Christians great _____
Luke 7:47 *… he who is forgiven little, loves little*