



The Christian Life: A Life of Love

Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew 22:34-40; “But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying. Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.” “And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandment s hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

1) Loves Meaning:

2) This Love Does Not Come Naturally:

Romans 5:5; “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Galatians 5:22; “But the fruit of the Spirit is love...”

1 John 3:16; “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

3) Before We Can Give We Must Be
Willing To Receive:

4) What Is The Character Of This Love:

a) It Is A Command:

John 13:34; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

b) It Is God's Love On Display:

Ephesians 2:4-5; "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved" (ESV).

Romans 5:8; “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 John 3:16-18; “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

What about the lost and our enemies?

*Matthew 5:43-44; “You have heard that it was said,
“You shall love you neighbor and hate your enemy.”
“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who
curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray
for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;”*

c) It Builds Spiritual Transformation Into Our Lives:

When we love others like Christ we will be quick to forgive.

When we love others like Christ we will look for opportunities to express His love toward others in need.

When we love others as Christ would have us to, we know that it brings joy in knowing that we are satisfying to our Lord.