

Learning To Love

Lesson 2
Love God

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1. Commanded to love
2. Love God
3. Love your neighbor
4. Love yourself

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Commanded To Love

1. Two types of love
2. Two types of love commanded
3. We can and must learn both types of love

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Introduction

- To love God, according to Jesus, is the greatest commandment of all
- Therefore, we should be greatly concerned with first knowing what loving God involves and then seeking to make a continual diligent effort to love God as He has directed us

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Introduction

- Sadly, in the so-called Christian world, loving God has been reduced to strong but empty emotion that does not lead to a reverence for and obedience to God's Word
- Even among our brethren, there is often promoted a love for God that would allow less concern for and obedience to all His Word

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Introduction

- Let us study that we may know how to love God above all and teach others also
- Jesus perfectly displays how to love God so that we can follow His example

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Loving God Must Be The First Consuming
Devoted Commitment of Our Lives

Mar 12:28 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?"

Mar 12:29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;

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Mar 12:30 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.'

Mar 12:31 "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

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Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

Deu 6:5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

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Deu 6:7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Deu 6:8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

Deu 6:9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." 10

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Php 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

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1Jn 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1Jn 3:18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

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1Jn 2:3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1Jn 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

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1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

1Jn 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

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We Can Only Learn To Love God As We Learn and Respond To His Love For Us

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

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Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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Rom 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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Rom 5:11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1Jn 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

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1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

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Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

Joh 14:31 but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

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2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

2Co 5:15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

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Luk 7:41 "A moneylender had two debtors:
one owed five hundred denarii, and the
other fifty.

Luk 7:42 "When they were unable to repay,
he graciously forgave them both. So which
of them will love him more?"

Luk 7:43 Simon answered and said, "I
suppose the one whom he forgave more."
And He said to him, "You have judged
correctly."

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Luk 17:10 "So you too, when you do all the
things which are commanded you, say, 'We
are unworthy slaves; we have done only that
which we ought to have done.'"

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Eph 3:16 that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory, to be
strengthened with power through His Spirit
in the inner man,

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts through faith; and that you, being
rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 may be able to comprehend with
all the saints what is the breadth and length
and height and depth,

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Eph 3:19 and to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge, that you may
be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far
more abundantly beyond all that we ask or
think, according to the power that works
within us,

Eph 3:21 to Him be the glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever
and ever. Amen.

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Rev 3:19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and
discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

1Co 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord,
he is to be accursed. Maranatha.

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2. We can only learn to love God as we
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Loving God Means Reverently Listening To God's Word

Heb 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

Luk 22:41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray,

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Luk 22:42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

Luk 22:43 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

Luk 22:44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

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2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Heb 12:25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.

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Heb 12:26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

Heb 12:27 This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

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Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.

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1Th 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

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Php 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Php 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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Joh 8:29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

Joh 14:31 but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

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Joh 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

Joh 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

Joh 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

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Joh 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Joh 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Joh 15:14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you.

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1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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Heb 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Heb 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

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Php 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Php 2:6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

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Php 2:7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Act 17:11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Loving God Means Seeking His Glory Above All Obeying His Word

Joh 5:39 "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;
Joh 5:40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.
Joh 5:41 "I do not receive glory from men;

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Joh 5:42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.
Joh 5:43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.
Joh 5:44 "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?

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Joh 17:1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,
Joh 17:2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

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Joh 17:3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
Joh 17:4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.
Joh 17:5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

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Joh 17:20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
Joh 17:21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.
Joh 17:22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;

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Joh 17:23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

Joh 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

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Joh 17:25 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;

Joh 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."

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Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

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Col 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

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