

Understanding Love



“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31 NKJ)

Who is our neighbor?

God 1st, Neighbor 2nd, You 3rd.

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”(John 14:15 NKJ)

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”(John 14:21 NKJV)

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”(John 14:23 NKJV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another.”(John 13:34-35 NKJ)

“These things I command you, that you love one another.”(John 15:17 NKJ)

Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke
10:25-37 NKJV

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*”

So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your

strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of

his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw

him, he had compassion. So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So

which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Who did the priest love?

Who did the Levite love?

Who did the Samaritan love?

Should I hate myself then?

God's Creation

“I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”
(Psalm 139:14 NKJV)

“For we are His workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus for good works, which
God prepared beforehand that we
should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10
NKJV)

God's Image Bearers

26“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...

27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:26-27 NKJV)

Blessed of God

“Then God blessed them...”(Genesis 1:28 NKJV)

“He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.”(Genesis 5:2 NKJV)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”(Ephesians 1:3 NKJV)

God's Residence

“Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit for we were bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's.”

(1 Corinthians 6:20 NKJV)

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.” (John 14:23 NKJV)

God's Love

“For God demonstrated His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8 NKJV)

“This is how God showed His love among us; He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:9-10)