

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

The Heart of The Matter

Mark 12:28-31

- Love is **THE** most important thing
- Love is **personal**
- Love is **focused**

If we don't believe that – **Know it** with absolute certainty – we don't yet know the depths of His love for us.

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So, God's command to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength reveals that...

I John 4:16

"And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

He has already loved us with all of His.

What are these four attributes of eternal love?

Heart

What does it mean to **have heart**?

"He/she really has a heart for that"

"That grips my heart"

"He/she stole my heart"

"My heart longs for..."

To "Give your heart to someone or something"

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD **with all your heart**,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths."

Proverbs 4:23

I John 4:19

"We love Him **because** He first loved us."

- It's **being loved** that makes us loving

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So, the prerequisite to keeping **THE** most important thing is **Knowing** we are loved by God.

Do you?

We must ask ourselves that question?

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How can we know?

Romans 5:8

"But God **demonstrates** His own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

There could be no more convincing evidence!

*“Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life.”*

Proverbs 23:7

*“For as he thinks **in his heart**, so is he.”*

Romans 10:10

*“One **believes with the heart**, resulting in
righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth,
resulting in salvation.”*

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*Biblically (O.T. & N.T.) - Heart is **to willingly be...***

**Transported, Ravished, completely Enclosed and
Captivated**

- With **our affections**
- To **be delighted**

Heart = Affections, Passions, Devotion

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*God loved us like this **already***

*He is **delighted** in His love...*

*That we **receive His demonstration** in Christ*

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*Our love is our response to being **Taken by...***

Captivated willingly by His love for us...

Before we even knew of it.

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Mark 12:30

*“And you shall **love the LORD your God with all your
heart**”*

*And thoroughly **enjoy doing it.***

He does!