

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

Loving Our Neighbor(s)

Mark 12:29-31 (Matt. 22:37-40)

God's sequential teaching **arrives at application**

"And the second is like it"

- "Like" = Akin to, Together
- They are interdependent, **inseparable**
- Neither can be held without the other
- Remove one and both are diminished

So... **loving others authenticates love for God**

We can't love God **without** loving others!

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"And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor **as yourself.**'"

Are you loved? (Do you believe it?)

I John 4:19

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

We need to **KNOW** this, so we **CAN** love

First – **God**, then – **each other**, then – **those around us**

John 13:34-35, 14:15 & 17:22-23

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What can convince people we love them?

Matthew 7:12

"So in everything, **do to others what you would have them do to you**, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (Matt.22:40)

What type of treatment hurts you?

Romans 13:8-10 (Vs. 10) "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

Galatians 5:14

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:8

"Indeed, if you keep the royal law prescribed in the Scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well."

If we do to others **what hurts us**, we violate **the law of love.**

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

- **How** does God love you (us)?

He **STARTS** with love... (Rom. 5:8)

- Not our faults & offenses

What about people who make themselves our enemies?

Matthew 5:43-48 & Romans 12:20-21

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Are there any helpful hints other than dying on a cross?

*Yes – **I Corinthians 13:1-8***

***Mark 12:29-31** (John 14:15) How?*

- **Be Loved** (Believe God)
- **Be Loving**

Enjoy God's blessing, and those who receive your love

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*How shall we **give thanks** for **Thanksgiving**?*

Give others what they can be thankful for