

Love is a "P" Word  
my impressions

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. It's awesome    B. It makes me thankful    C. It's humbling  
D. It gives me hope    E. It's challenging  
F. It makes perfect sense    G. That makes it simple  
H. I never thought of it that way before    I. Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. (John 3:16<sup>1</sup>; 1 John 4:16<sup>7</sup>; 4:19<sup>11</sup>)
2. The love of God and Jesus was not just a sappy, sentimental emotion. The love that Christ revealed, that He lived is a principle. <sup>12</sup>The principle of giving what is needed most regardless of how we feel.
3. Jesus said the two most fundamental commandments are the two that express the "love" component most clearly:
  1. "Thou shall love the LORD thy God with all thine heart,"
  2. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."(Matthew 22:37-40<sup>4,5</sup>; Deuteronomy 6:5<sup>3</sup>; Leviticus 19:18)
4. When this love becomes a principle<sup>12</sup> in our hearts too, we will be happy to keep God's moral law. Because "love is the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 13:10<sup>15</sup>; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Ephesians 5:2<sup>9</sup>; John 13:34<sup>34</sup>)
5. These two words keep coming together, LOVE and COMMANDMENTS. God showed His LOVE for us by sending His son to die for us. (1 John 4:10) Then He says, "If you LOVE Me, keep my COMMANDMENTS." (John 14:15; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2:4; Deuteronomy 6:24; Romans 3:31; 7:7; 8:4)
6. Jesus did not come to merely call us righteous. He came to make us righteous. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 10:16<sup>31</sup>; John 3:5, 6; Romans 8:4<sup>22</sup>; John 13:35<sup>31</sup>; Matthew 5:16, 17<sup>33</sup>)
7. In our previous Bible study we learned that "Salvation is saying yes to the Lord with all our known choices." Accepting God's love for us, and sharing that love with others are the most important places to say "YES" to our God. (Matthew 22:38, 39<sup>4</sup>; 1 John 4:19)

**Choices:** Would you like to invite Jesus to fill you with His love, His life principle of giving what is needed most? What would change?



LESSON 7

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1. **John 3:16** NKJ For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that He \_\_\_\_\_ His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Matthew 22:36** Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
3. **Deuteronomy 6:5** And thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
4. **Matthew 22:38, 39** This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ thy neighbor as thyself.
5. **Matthew 22:40** On these two commandments hang \_\_\_\_\_ the law and the prophets.
6. **Genesis 1:26** ... God said, Let us make man in our image, ...
7. **1 John 4:8, 16** God is love
8. **1 John 1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
9. **Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath \_\_\_\_\_ himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
10. **Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and \_\_\_\_\_ himself for it.
11. **1 John 4:19** We love him, because he first loved us.
12. **The "P" Word:**  
Love is the Principle of giving what is needed most.
13. **John 14:15** \_\_\_\_\_ ye love me, keep my commandments.

14. **Deuteronomy 6:24** And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.
15. **Romans 13:10** Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the \_\_\_\_\_.
16. **Romans 7:12** Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.
17. **Romans 3:31** Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we \_\_\_\_\_ the law.
18. **Colossians 2:14** Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.  
  
(The sacrificial laws written down by Moses were to be a witness against them. Deuteronomy 31:24-26)
19. **Colossians 2:16** Let no man therefore judge you in meat [offerings], or in drink [offerings], or in respect of an holyday[s], or of the new moon [festivals], or of the [ceremonial] Sabbath days: [like the feast of trumpets or the Passover, etc.]  
  
(Colossians 2:16 is talking about the feast days or ceremonial Sabbaths along with their sacrifices and associated meat and drink offerings, not the weekly Sabbath. - Leviticus 23:37, 38; Hebrews 9:9, 10)
20. **Colossians 2:17** [The laws] Which are a \_\_\_\_\_ of things to come; ...  
  
(The laws concerning sacrifices were only a "shadow of good things to come." Hebrews 10:1)
21. **Matthew 5:18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be \_\_\_\_\_.
22. **Romans 8:4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
23. **Galatians 3:13** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, ...
24. **Romans 7:7 NKJ** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

25. **1 Timothy 1:8** But we know that the law is good, if a man use it \_\_\_\_\_;
26. **John 15:10** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
27. **Matthew 5:44** But I say unto you, \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
28. **Matthew 5:45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
29. **Matthew 5:48** Be ye therefore \_\_\_\_\_, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
30. **2 Peter 1:3 NKJ** His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.
31. **Hebrews 10:16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them
32. **John 13:35** By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have \_\_\_\_\_ one to another.
33. **Matthew 5:16, 17** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.
34. **John 13:34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

### Notes and Questions



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