

The Life of Love

Matthew 22:39

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The priority of love

Matthew 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves together.

³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a *question*, testing Him,

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

The example of love

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

The definition of love

Love is a choice to value which produces sacrifice

The source of love

The choice to love is based on the character of the lover, not the recipient

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

⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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Love sacrifices to help enemies

Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Love grieves

Romans 9:2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

Love is devoted

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Love obeys law

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

Love sacrifices its r

Romans 14:15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.

Love e _____

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

Love...

1 Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient,
love is kind,
and is not jealous;
love does not brag
and is not arrogant,
⁵ does not act unbecomingly;
it does not seek its own,
is not provoked,
does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,
⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness,
but rejoices with the truth;
⁷ bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
⁸ Love never fails;

Love s _____

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Love f _____

Ephesians 4:2 showing forbearance to one another in love,

Love speaks † _____

Ephesians 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,
¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Love sacrifices to s _____

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;
²⁶ that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with

Love e _____

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

Love u _____

Colossians 2:2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love,

Colossians 3:14 And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Love I _____

1 Thessalonians 1:3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

Love covers s _____

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Love meets n _____

1 John 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.

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

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

1 Thessalonians 3:12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also do for you;

Hebrews 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

The Conclusion of the Examination of the Lamb (Matthew 22:15-46)

The Lamb has been examined in three categories: politics, religion and priorities

Matthew 22:41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "*The son of David.*"

⁴³ He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my LORD, "Sit at My right hand, Until I put Thine enemies beneath Thy feet "'?

⁴⁵ "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?"

⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

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