

Amazing Love

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Introduction: Jesus was used to debating and discussing things of a religious nature. However, the religious leaders of His day were focused on more than just the Old Law and the prophets, they wanted to argue about traditions of men. Jesus took an opportunity to share the heart of the law. He hoped to focus them in a new direction (**Matthew 5-7**). When we decide to follow Christ, we have to be committed to following Him all the way (**John 14:6**). What does that mean? **Mark 12:28-31** will give us great words to live by in the kingdom. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Amazing Love is When You Love the Lord Your God With All Your Heart

How can you love God emotionally?

- *Purify Your Heart* (I Samuel 16:7, Matthew 5:8, James 4:8)
- *Speak Your Heart* (Proverbs 23:7, Matthew 12:34-35, Hebrews 4:12)
- *Follow Your Heart* (II Corinthians 9:7, Ephesians 6:5-6, II Timothy 2:22)
- *Confess Your Heart* (Matthew 10:32-33, Romans 6:17-18, Romans 10:9-10)
- *Keep Your Heart* (Psalm 51:10-13, Proverbs 4:23, I Timothy 1:5)

II. Amazing Love is When You Love the Lord Your God With All Your Soul

How can you love God spiritually?

- *Know Your Soul* (Mark 8:36-37, Matthew 10:28, I Timothy 4:8)
- *Convert Your Soul* (Psalms 19:7, James 1:21, Romans 12:1-2)
- *Guide Your Soul* (I Peter 1:22, I Peter 3:21, I John 3:3)
- *Complete Your Soul* (I Corinthians 13:9, Colossians 2:10, II Timothy 3:16-17)
- *Save Your Soul* (I Peter 1:9, Mark 16:16, Matthew 28:18-20)

III. Amazing Love is When You Love the Lord Your God With All Your Mind

How can you love God mentally?

- *Respect Your Mind* (Romans 1:28, 8:5-6, Colossians 1:21, II Timothy 1:7)
- *Protect Your Mind* (I Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:7, II Corinthians 10:4-5)
- *Renew Your Mind* (Romans 12:2, Ephesians 4:23, Philippians 2:5)
- *Focus Your Mind* (Acts 17:11, I Corinthians 2:16, I Peter 1:13-16)
- *Motivate Your Mind* (Acts 20:19, I Peter 5:2, Romans 7:25)

IV. Amazing Love is When You Love the Lord Your God With All Your Strength

How can you love God physically?

- *Appreciate Your Strength* (I Corinthians 6:13, 6:19-20, Galatians 5:16-18)
- *Identify Your Strength* (Romans 5:6, 7:18, 7:24, 8:13, Philippians 4:13)
- *Build Your Strength* (II Corinthians 4:10, Galatians 6:17, Philippians 1:20-21)
- *Renew Your Strength* (Romans 8:10, II Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 3:26-27)
- *Reveal Your Strength* (II Corinthians 12:9, Isaiah 40:31, Ephesians 6:10-20)

V. Amazing Love is When You Love Your Neighbor

How can you love God relationally?

- *Meet Your Neighbor* (Matthew 5:13-16, 7:12, Galatians 5:14, Philippians 2:15)
- *Help Your Neighbor* (Matthew 10:42, Luke 10:25-37, Luke 11:5-13)
- *Admire Your Neighbor* (Matthew 5:43-48, Romans 13:9, I John 4:20)
- *Encourage Your Neighbor* (Romans 15:2, Luke 12:1, I Corinthians 5:6-7, 12:25)
- *Teach Your Neighbor* (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, I Timothy 4:12)

VI. Amazing Love is When You Love Yourself

How can you love God personally?

- *Practice Self-Accountability* (II Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 9:27, Luke 17:3)
- *Practice Self-Building* (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 139:1-18, Psalm 8:3-5)
- *Practice Self-Control* (II Timothy 1:6-7, Galatians 5:22-23, I Corinthians 10:13)
- *Practice Self-Determination* (Romans 14:11-12, Matthew 25:14-30, Ephesians 4:11-16)
- *Practice Self-Esteem* (John 3:16, Galatians 6:3-5, Romans 12:1-8)

VII. Amazing Love is When You Love Your Enemies

How can you love God socially?

- *Love Anyone Who Curses You* (Matthew 5:9-12, Luke 6:28, Romans 12:14)
- *Love Anyone Who Hates You* (Matthew 5:13-16, Luke 6:27, John 15:18-19)
- *Love Anyone Who Angers You* (Matthew 5:21-24, 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2)
- *Love Anyone Who Uses You* (Matthew 5:38-41, 27:27-30, Galatians 6:10)
- *Love Anyone Who Persecutes You* (Matthew 5:43-48, Acts 8-9, I Timothy 1:13-16)

Conclusion: Every part of your life should be impacted by faith in God, dedication to Jesus Christ, and comfort in the Holy Spirit. Do you follow God emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, physically, relationally, personally, and socially? Are you focused on showing “Amazing Love” or are you distracted by the hate of the world? Let’s look to our great example, Jesus (I Peter 2:21-25). Let’s listen to the wonderful words of the apostle Paul (I Corinthians 13). More importantly, let’s put our faith into action (James 2:14-26). Let’s reveal God’s Amazing Love to the world!