

September 11th, 2022 – (AM insert)

“Demonstrating God’s Love”

Luke 6:31

Read Luke 6:31... This is often called the Golden Rule, and is referred to in different ways, several places in the Old and New Testaments:

Leviticus 19:18, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Matthew 22:34-40, “When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked [Jesus] a question, testing Him, ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ 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. ‘This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ‘On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

Mark 12:28-31, “One of the scribes came... and asked [Jesus], ‘What commandment is the foremost of all?’ He answered, ‘The foremost is, Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. ‘The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ‘There is no other commandment greater than these.”

See **Luke 10:25-37...**

See **James 2:8-13...**

The greatest, the foremost, the preeminent command from God, if obeyed, brings forgiveness for sins and eternal life. For if you truly love God, you will also love others and have mercy on them just as God has had mercy on you. That is at the heart of Jesus’ teaching about who His true disciples are: those who have repented and believed in Jesus Christ; those who have been born-again by God’s Spirit; those who have overcome this godless world and the corruption caused by sin that leads to eternal condemnation.

1John 5:4-5, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” **11-13**, “And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

See **1John 4:7-16...**

1John 4:19, “We love, because He first loved us.”

Micah 6:8, “And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

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Let’s look again at **Luke 6:20-21...**

We have been given everything we need now and forever, in and through Jesus Christ the Lord (**Philippians 4:13, 19**), "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

See **2Peter 1:1-4...**

The scriptures are full of God’s expressed truth concerning what believers have received from God (**Romans 3:10-12, 23-24; 5:8; 6:23; 8:1; 10:13; 2Corinthians 5:21**).

Seventeen of the New Testament Books begin the statement that true believers have received God’s Grace and Peace for God’s own glory and our eternal joy: Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 1&2 Peter, 2John, and Revelation.

Ephesians 1:13-14, "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory."

Ephesians 2:8-10, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

We won’t share in the corruption [decay and death] that is in this world because of the curse of sin, caused by the lust of evil desires; for we have escaped all judgement and condemnation through Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:1-2, "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death."

Luke 6:31, "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you."

God is so gracious, loving and kind to us, even though we do not deserve it; and therefore we, as God’s children, are to treat others the way God treats us; we are to love them just as God has loved us.

1John 4:7-8, Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**19**, "We love, because He first loved us."

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