

Is Love More Important Than () Commandments?

Introduction. Most religions today attempt to isolate and disassociate **love** and commandments. They believe and teach that "**love**" is the important matter; while God's commandments are comparatively unimportant.

Love is absolutely required. Scriptural love is presented as totally indispensable. The apostle Paul taught that if an early Christian possessed spiritual gifts, but did not have love, they were nothing (1 Cor. 13:2). If one gave all to feed the poor or became a martyr, but did not possess love, "it profiteth nothing" (vs. 3). Love is the activating force behind obedient, saving faith (Gal. 5: 6). Love is the spiritual cement which bonds all spiritual graces (Col. 3: 14).

God's commandments are absolutely required. Jesus taught that do be saved we must perform the will of the Father (Matt. 7: 21). Jesus equates doing the Father's will to "heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them..." (vs. 24). Jesus asked, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Those who "do not obey the truth but obey unrighteousness" will suffer "indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish" (Rom. 2: 6-9), Jesus is the author of eternal salvation "unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5: 9).

The scriptures couple love and commandments. Actually, the scriptures do not isolate and disassociate love and commandments. When Jesus was asked which was the great commandment in the law, he replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...soul...and mind" (Matt. 22: 36,37). John wrote, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5: 3). Beloved, it is a mark of a false teacher when love and commandments are attempted to be isolated. We must have love but we must also obey. The truth is if we have true love, we will obey (John 14: 21-24).

Excepts taken from: biblequestions.org

Order of Morship

Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Jeremiah Darden Welcome & Announcements Opening Prayer

Song # 869 - We're Marching to Zion

Song #83 - God Is So Good

Lord's Supper Contribution

Kids 4 Kids Bible Hour 3 year's old - 4th grade

Prayer Requests

Song #875 - Home of the Soul

Scripture Reading - Galatians 5:13-15

Sermon by: Darryl Darden

"The Fruit Of The Spirit Is Love"

Song of Invitation:

Song # 948 - I Am Resolved





Monday, July 8, 2024

7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)



Wednesday, July 9, 2024

Bible Study on Zoom

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - Jeremiah Baker The Faith that Endures













Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Marie Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

Something's to pray for that we don't usually pray for:

Mental Health and compassion to support those who struggle with such issues. Peace between coworkers and classmates.

Our personal and congregational plans. The justice system and those involved with it. A deep personal passion for the study and application of God's word. Financial Wisdom.

Laughter, joy, and happiness can be shared with others.

Courage and love to do and say what is right toward all the people in our lives.

Help us to build healthy relationships with more people at church and in our community.

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<u>Last Week's Statistics</u> Attendance inancial A.M. Bible Class N/A N/A Contribution 6/23/24 N/A Contribution 6/16/24 \$ A.M. Worship N/A Special Contributions \$ In Person N/A N/A \$ Y.T.D. Contribution Via Zoom N/A N/A Teen Fund Wed. P.M. Mission Fund N/A Bible Class N/A N/A Scholarship Fund Mid Week N/A Kids 4 Kids Bible Studies N/A