

Our Mission: Loving God and Others—“Loving God Supremely”

Mission Statement: *to passionately serve GOD and to compassionately serve others—ALL to the glory of GOD!*

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said unto him, “Thou shalt love the **Lord** thy **God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Loving God _____ (Matthew 22:37)

† We are to love “*God with all thy heart*”—_____

† We are to love “*God with all thy soul*”—_____

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the **Lord**, and not unto men;

† We are to love “*God with all thy mind*”—_____

John 5:30 I can of **Mine** own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and **My** judgment is just; because I seek not **Mine** own will, but the will of the **Father** which hath sent **Me**.

Christ Jesus is our great example of how He loved the Father. Let’s consider what His love looked like.

I. HIS Love that is Characterized by _____ (Matthew 27:43)

Matthew 27:43 He trusted in **God**; let **Him** [*the Father*] deliver **Him** [*the Son*] now, if **He** [*the Father*] will have **Him** [*the Son*]: for **He** said, “I am the **Son of God**.”

He fully trusted in the Father’s plan for salvation as He set aside His own desires and yielded to the Father’s.

Notice Christ’s trust displayed in these words...

John 8:29 And **He** that sent **Me** is with **Me**: the **Father** hath not left **Me** alone; for I do always those things that please **Him**.

A relationship of love is characterized by trust. Without trust a relationship will be stunted and never reach the intended blessings.

Q: What assurance—trust do I have in my Father’s love for me? Am I displaying my love for God in the way I trust Him and yield to Him?

II. HIS Love that is Characterized by _____ (John 4:34)

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of **Him** that sent **Me**, and to finish **His** work.

Cf. Psalm 40:8

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto **Jesus** the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before **Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of **God**.

Q: How is my joy displaying my love for God?

III. HIS Love that is Characterized by _____ (John 14:31)

John 14:31 But that the world may know that I love the **Father**; and as the **Father** gave **Me** commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

To love God is to _____ Him.

Cf. John 14:23-24

It is important for us to keep in mind that obedience is not just what others see—true obedience is what God sees.

John 17:4 I have glorified **Thee** on the earth: I have finished the work which **Thou** gavest **Me** to do.

Cf. Isaiah 1:11-17

Mark 12:33 And to love **Him** with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

What is my next step?

How am I showing that I love God? Am I trusting whole-heartedly Him? Am I delighting in Him? Am I honoring Him in obedience?