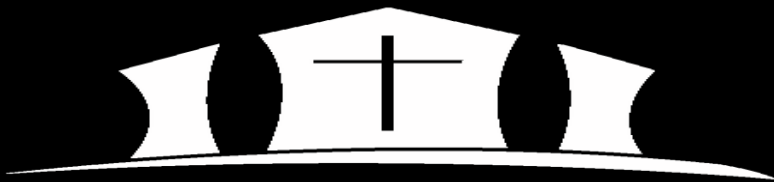


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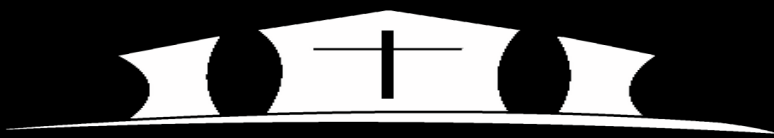
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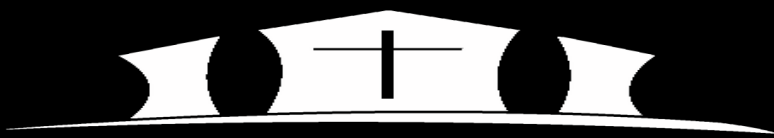
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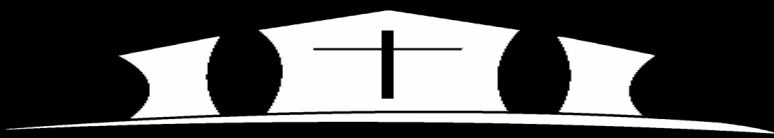
The word “discipleship” does not appear in the Bible because “sanctification” does.



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"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone"

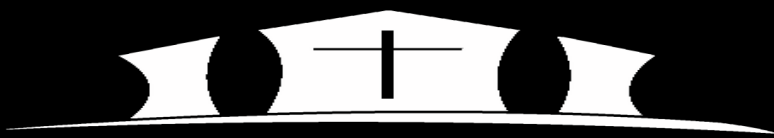
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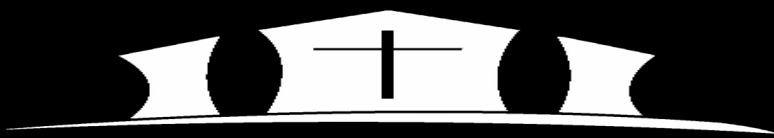
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Attribute #5 – Learning to Love



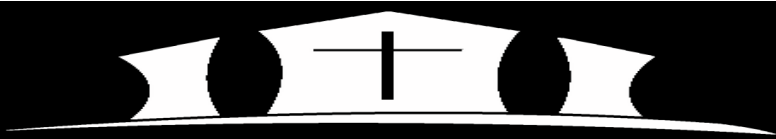
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With few exceptions, biblical love is not an emotion or a feeling, love is a verb.



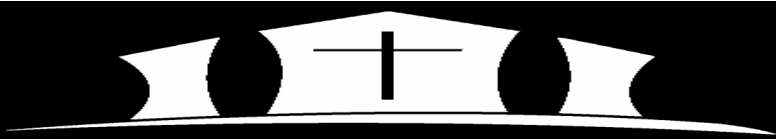
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- **Mark 12:28** One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” 29 Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ 31 The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”



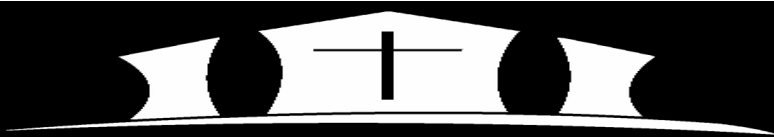
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- **What Jesus tells the Pharisees and Sadducees is something they already knew – it is commonly known as the “shema” to the Jews.**
- **To put this in context, the Sanhedrin were trying to trick Jesus into saying something that would contradict the Torah – they wanted to make him look bad and erode His popularity.**



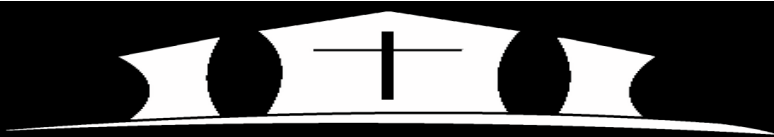
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- **Bear in mind that the religious hierarchy of Jesus' day had 613 different commands, or laws.**
- **Why 613? That is the exact number of letters in the Decalogue (10 Commandments).**
- **In plain speak – there was no real scriptural reason for 613 other than they decided it would sound spiritual to have that number.**



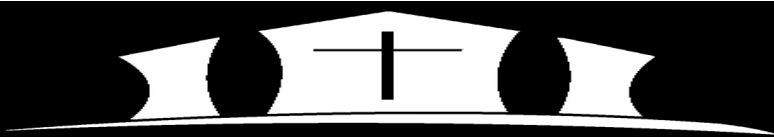
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- So when they ask Jesus which is the most important of all the commandments, they may have thought they had a 613 to 1 chance that they could find fault.
- The writings of Moses (the Torah) were one of the few things the Pharisees and Sadducees agreed upon.
- When Jesus answers as He does (directly from the Torah), the questioner had no where to go – He answered with something they could not question because Moses was the original author.



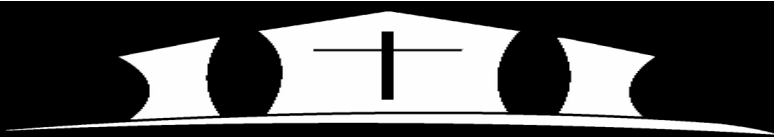
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- **Now, let's look at part one of Jesus' answer – “And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.”**
- **One thing to note from the start is that this command cannot be kept in any meaningful measure without a change of heart.**
- **In fact, that is where Jesus starts – “love the Lord your God with all your heart”.**



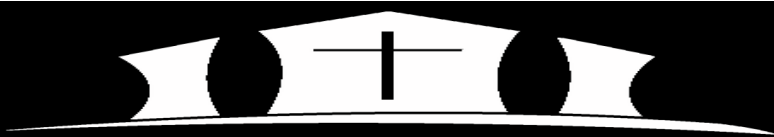
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- Deut 7:9 Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. *He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.*
- This is about as simple as it gets – if you want the blessing and favor of God, love and obey Him.



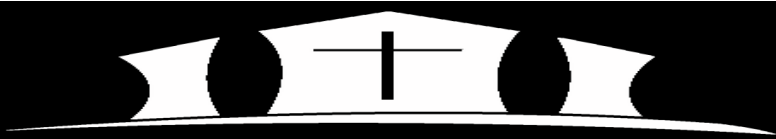
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- **Prov 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.**
- **Luke 6:45 "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart."**
- **Our hearts (mind, will, and emotions) is where all that we think, do, and say comes from. (the seat of our desires)**



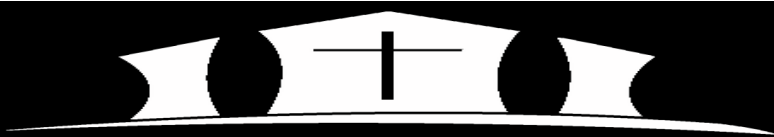
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- **To love God with all of our heart then is to have all of our desires made subject to Him and available for His pleasure.**
- **Actually to try to separate these - all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind becomes quite the task.**
- **They are different Hebrew and Greek words, but in the context of loving God one must slice them very thinly to make a distinction.**



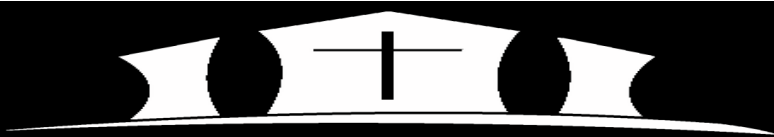
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- Perhaps we should say this – the love that God wants from us is intelligent, emotional, willing, and it is active.
- He wants our words of worship, and far more.
- Matt 15:7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'



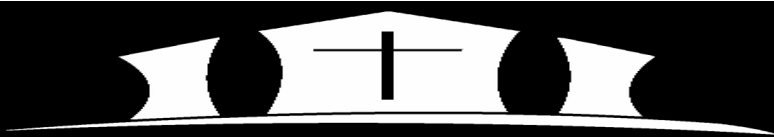
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- **Maybe we should just establish at this point that to be a disciple of Jesus Christ one must be a lover of God.**
- **No one in the universe is easier to love – the more He is revealed the better He looks and the better He looks the more reasons there are to love Him.**
- **No “get of hell free card” type professions are ever interested in loving God; they only care about themselves.**



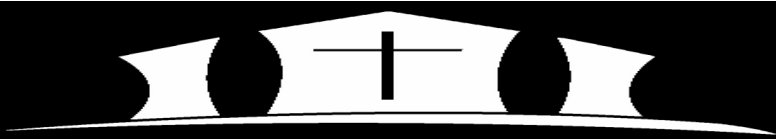
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- **Mark 12:31 “The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**
- **Sounds easy enough, but how would I know if I am doing it?**
- **I would know I am doing it, if _____?**



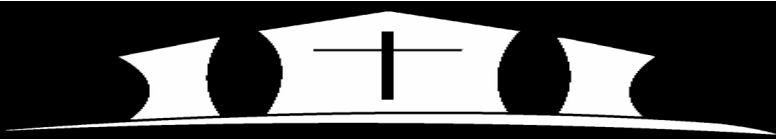
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- I would know I am doing it, if I cared as much about my neighbor's belly as I do my own.
- I would know I am doing it, if I cared as much about my neighbor's warmth as I do my own.
- I would know I am doing it, if I cared as much about my neighbor's safety as I do my own.



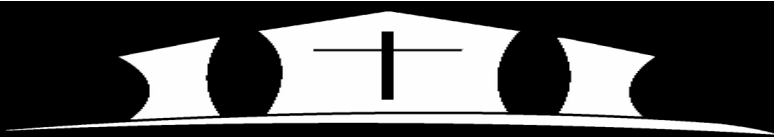
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- **Remember these things about loving your neighbor –**
 - **Love is a verb, not a feeling or an emotion.**
 - **I cannot do this on my own, I will need God's help.**
 - **It is about intent, not perfection – am I making an effort?**



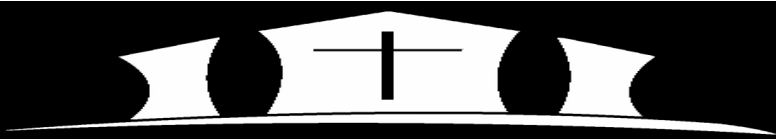
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- **There are (4) different types of love in the New Testament:**
 - **Brotherly Love (people you enjoy being with)**
 - **Family Love (people you are related to in a family)**
 - **Romantic Love (erotic desire for another person)**
 - **God's Love (this love seeks God's best and His highest good for the other person)**



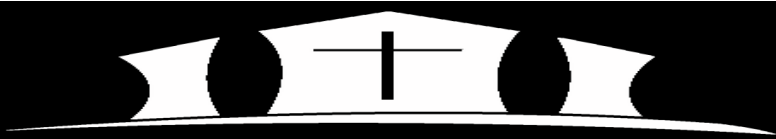
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- **Do not set a false standard for yourself – in other words, do not measure your love for your neighbor by what you feel for them.**
- **You may never be close friends with some of them, and you may not even like being around them.**
- **But, measure your love for your neighbors by how you treat them.**



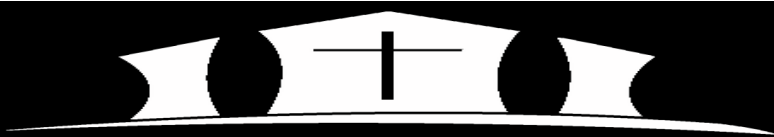
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- **I have said this many times, but it is important enough to repeat –**
- **These two commands, to love God and love my neighbors, will keep me busy the rest of my life.**
- **And, it is by seeking to do both that I can have a measure on my progress in becoming like Jesus.**



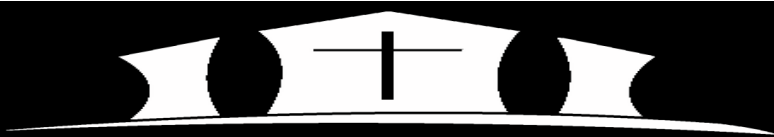
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- **Matt 5:43 “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.”**
- **Luke 6:27 “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. 28 Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.”**
- **Luke 6:31 “Do to others as you would like them to do to you.”**



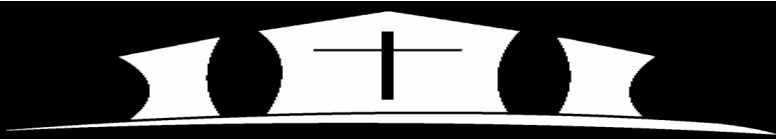
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“You see, it is not so much the feeling – watch this – it is not so much the feeling, as when your enemy is your enemy, you say things that bless him, and you do good to him. It is what you say and what you do that God is after, not how you feel. You may have an enemy, and in your heart you know there is no great human affection. You know there’ll never be a great friendship. You know you’ll never embrace him like a person in your family, but you will, with your mouth, bless him in what you say, and with your life, bless him in what you do. So we find that the love that we’re talking about is the love of action, not the love of emotion.” John Piper



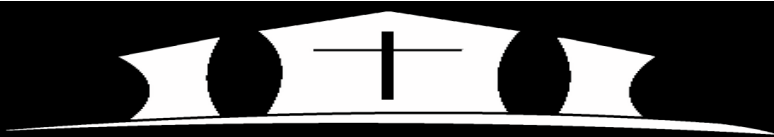
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- **1st Cor 13:4** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- **Rom 12:20** Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” 21 *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*



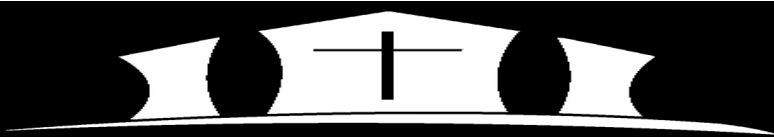
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- **This command to “love your enemy” is a radical one that was never in the Old Testament. (several Proverbs infer love for enemies)**
- **Matt 5:43 You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy.**
- **The problem with what they heard said was that God was not the author of “hate your enemy” – what they had heard was just not true.**



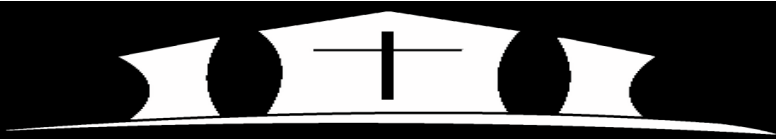
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- Let's tie our enemies and neighbors together -
- Luke 10:27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"



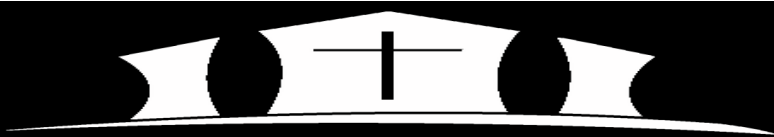
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- In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus ends it with a quiz on who is a neighbor.
- Luke 10:36 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” 37 And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”
- We are to love friends, neighbors, and enemies in the same fashion – we are not called to feel the same about all of them.



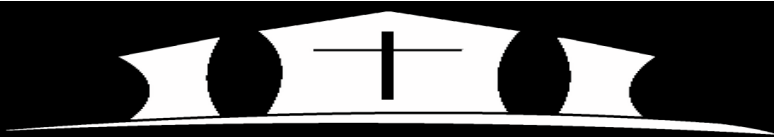
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- **Here is my question for us – what is the reason(s) Jesus calls us to love our enemies?**
 - **If we can love our enemies, we can love anyone.**
 - **It is a powerful and evangelical act.**
 - **It is a godly act that reveals Him.**
 - **Our obedience to Jesus will please Him.**



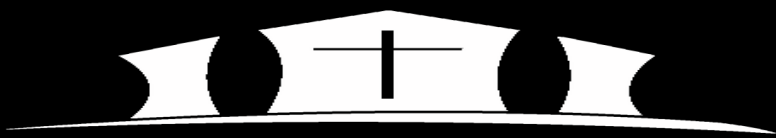
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- **John 13:34-35, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**
- **John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.**

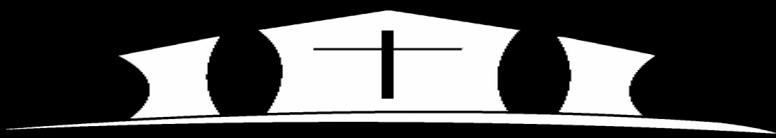


Challenges from Pastor Shane

- **Large Groups – treat all with kindness.**
- **Small Groups – include all who are in the group.**
- **One-on-One – look for ways to show love.**
- **Alone – pray that God will help you to love.**



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