THE TWO HOOKS THAT SUPPORT A GENUINE

CHRISTIAN

Mt 22:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 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.

IF YOU DON’T HAVE THESE YOUR LIFE IS IN

DANGER!!!!

THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS ARE THE VERY

FOUNDATION OF A CHRIST LIKE LIFE

IF YOU DO NOT GET THE FOUNDATION BUILT FIRMLY WHEN YOU BUILD ANYTHING IT WILL NOT LAST, YOU WILL HAVE PROBLEMS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE PROJECT AND IN THE END IT WILL NOT PASS THE TEST

LOVE GOD Thou shalt( IS A COMMAND NOT A CHOICE) love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

WITH ALL THY…..

HEART.

SOUL

MIND

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR………

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mat. 22:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

1. **The Greatest Commandment** “Thou shalt”

God commands our total commitment and loyalty

1. Retain your Faith in God with Love

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God”

1. We need a Personal relationship with God— “love the Lord thy God”
   1. A loving relationship involves trust and respect*.*
   2. A Loving relationship is loving the person just for who he is.
      1. We love God because of Himself—He is who He is.
      2. We love God because He is Creator and Sustainer of life.
      3. We love God because He is Savior and Redeemer of our souls.
      4. We love God because He is Lord and Master owner of our lives.
2. We see a Revelation of the Lordship of Christ—“love the Lordthy God”
3. WE retain our faith by love for God—“love the Lord thy God”
4. **The Greatest Commitment “**Thou shalt**”**
5. Maintain your love for God with your whole being.

Love is known by showing it, a profession of love with demonstration.

1. With all thy heart— the seatof man'saffection and will (**devotion**).
2. With all thy soul— the seat of man’sbreath and consciousness (**living soul**)

(the soul is the **life of man**)

We are to love God with all the life, breath, consciousness and awareness we have.

1. With all thy mind— the seat of man’s reasoning and understanding.

The Lord says our mind and thoughts are to be centered upon God.

We are to love God with all our thoughts, in all our reasoning and all our understanding.

**Love God**

**Love Your Neighbor**

**Love includes embracing all the commandments**

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

We are to love God supremely and our neighbor superbly

If we have TRUE LOVE to the Lord our approach to every situation will be with total commitment, loyalty, trust, respect, full surrender and absolute devotion to the Lord.

If we lack His True Love we will not make it.

Self serving is pride.

Self sacrificing is Love

Mat. 22:39—*And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*.

1. **The Greatest Conviction “***Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*.”

Love is an active experience—Love is best shown in action

The great commandment to love God flows into great conviction to love our neighbor as ourselves.

1. We are to love ourselves.

There is a corrupt love of self that thinks the world should center around them.

This is selfishness – not true love

* all attention centered around oneself.
* pushes self forward.
* insists on one's own way.
* demands and revels in recognition.
* shows conceit and ignores others.

B, We are to love our neighbors as our self.

This is selflessness – True love

* All attention centered around winning souls to Christ.
* Encourages other’s forward
* Prefers other rather than themselves
* Always paying attention to the needs of other’s
* Humble and always listening

We must put into practice the self sacrificing love the Lord has shown to us, always ready to give all, do all, suffer all, for all at all times.

True love for God, self and other’s make good soul-winners

Self-seekers are not good soul-winners.

God gave His Law to Moses so that Moses would give the law to the people.

God gave his Love by giving His son that we might have life to show His love.

John 14:15—*If ye love me, keep my commandments*.

* It is possible to be so concerned of outward form and forget Inward grace,

but it is not possible to have inward grace and forget outward form.

Gal. 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Gal.3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Gal. 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

The Moral Law of God; the standard of God’s Righteousness shows men their sin and danger, and leads them to the Savior. The law condemns and prepares them for Pardon through the Redeemer.

The experience of passing from Law to Promise is by faith in Christ Jesus

1. The Law restrains rebukes and keeps us as the “school master” the ancient

guardian for boys.

2. The whole Law was designed to introduce Christ.

Point to Christ; Reveal the Redeemer.

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

1. A Faith that believes God for Salvation.
2. A Faith that receives the Righteousness of Christ.
3. A Faith that can be rewarded.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

By Faith we must talk to God and allow God to talk to us through prayer, His Word, and the presence of His Spirit.