THE TWO HOOKS THAT SUPPORT A

**GENUINE CHRISTIAN**

1. **The LIFE of CHRIST 2.The LOVE of CHRIST**

* Every single thing without the life of Jesus is dead works

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.

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy **heart,** and with all thy **soul**, and with all thy **mind**, and with all thy **strength**: this is the first commandment.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

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

Only A **Christ like Life** is a **Genuine Christian**.

Only with the life of Christ can we have the love of Christ

All through the Epistle of I John **love** is linked with **life**.

John 3:14—*We know that we have passed from death unto* ***life****, because we love the brethren. He that* ***loveth not*** *his brother* ***abideth in death****.*

* **All our love** comes out of **His Life**, from beginning to end.
* **You can not have His Love without His Life.**
* **With His Life you can receive and give His Love.**

People try to love on their own and try to serve God on their own.

1John 3:16—*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren*.

Jude 1:21—*Keep yourselves in the* ***love*** *of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal* ***life***

THOU SHALT LOVE The Lord thy GOD ,WITH ALL THY HEART, SOUL, MIND and STRENGTH.

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. YOUR FEELINGS , YOUR EMOTIONS, (Affections—Will)

SOUL. YOUR SPIRIT (Your life)

MIND. YOUR THOUGHTS , YOUR MEDITATIONS (Intelligence)

**STRENGTH** (Physical)

IN ORDER TO LOVE GOD IN THIS WAY WE MUST RECEIVE the **LIFE** of God’s Son into our Heart, Soul, Mind Strength.

Without His **Life** we have no way to receive His **Love**.

**With His Life you can receive His Love.**

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

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

37 And Philip said, If thou **believest with all thine heart**, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Christ’s **Life** in our whole being, Christ’s **LOVE** IN OUR whole being

Ro 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

**We Must Love God with His Life in Us**.

IT WILL COST YOU EVVERYTHING TO KNOW HIM LIKE THIS

Apply yourself only to know God, and his Holy will.

Receive with Grace,submission, gratitude, and great Joy, the Truth to the Glory of God. Be ready; the more you become like Jesus you will be less loved by others.

WHY MUST WE LOVE GOD WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS WITHIN US?

BECAUSE HE IS A JEALOUS GOD

Ex 34:12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

WE MUST SERVE GOD IN LOVE, NOT IN FEAR

WE MUST FOCUS TO KEEP THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS IN ORDER

WE CAN NOT LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR OR OUR FELLOW MAN MORE THAN WE LOVE GOD

Mt 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

1Jo 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART SOUL MIND and STRENGTH

WE WONT HAVE A PROBLEM LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR AS OUR SELVES

THE PROBLEM IS , WE DON’T ALWAYS LOVE GOD AS MUCH AS WE SAY WE DO,

HOW MUCH LOVE WE FEEL TOWARDS OUR NEIGHBOR IS A GAGE BY WHICH WE CAN MEASURE HOW MUCH WE REALLY LOVE GOD

1Jo 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Deut. 30:20 That thou mayest **love the LORD thy God**, and that thou mayest **obey his voice**, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for **he is thy life**, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

2. WE MUST SEEK GOD TO HELP US LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR,

THIS LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBOR DOES NOT COME TO US BY NATURE , by nature Cain did not love Able,Cain killed Able , by Nature we love WHO? OURSELVES.

As a sinner Cain was not able to Love.

THIS LOVE FOR ONLY OURSELVES,CAUSES JEALOUSY, AND JEALOUSY BREEDS HATE ,AND HATE IS THE SAME AS MURDER

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR………

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as Thyself.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Christ is the Master Of the Commands

The Master Key Of Love Is the Master’s Life in You.

The key to mastering this commandment is master the first commandment.

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

ONE OF THE MAJOR BY PRODUCTS OF NOT LOVING OTHERS AS YOUR SELF IS UNFORGIVENESS

LOVE MEANS YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE

IF YOU DON’T REALLY LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR YOU WONT FORGIVE THEM IF THY HAVE WRONGED YOU

THIS UNFORGIVENESS WILL HINDER YOUR PRAYERS

Mr 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

LOVE MEANS YOU WONT BE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO OTHERS

LOVE MEANS YOU HAVE TO GIVE OF YOURSELF

The Law of God reveals Man’s most important responsibilities:

* *Love God supremely*
* *Love man as yourself*

Our love to God should lead to worship and obedience.

Gal. 5:5*—For we* ***through the Spirit wait*** *for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

6*—For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

When a man’s love for God is supreme, the Lord and man’s interest become one.

Our Love must be all in all.

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The heart of service must be SERVICE FROM THE HEART—That is True Love with **all** the heart..

The more man serves the greater he becomes

Genuine greatness:

* *Living for God not for self*
* *Spiritual not physical*
* *Heavenly not earthly*
* *Truly, nothing false*
* *Eternity not time*
* *Christ like life*
* *With All your heart, soul, mind and strength*

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.