

“UNDIVIDED LOVE”
Mark 12:28-34
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I. What is the greatest or most important commandment? (vv. 28-31)

“heard them disputing with one another”

“Which commandment is the most important of all?”

“Here, o Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

“you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind... strength.”

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself”

The greatest law is _____ for God and _____.

Leviticus 19:18

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Philippians 2:3-4

“It would be inconsistent to love him but not those who bear his image.”

-Sinclair Ferguson

II. Is knowing the greatest commandment(s) enough? (vv. 32-34)

“You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, none besides Him.”

“To love him ... neighbor.. is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

_____ of love for God and man puts us in great _____.

Deuteronomy 4:35

1 Samuel 15:22

Matthew 22:40

Luke 10:25

Romans 13:9-10

James 3:9-10

“Jesus’ answer emphasized the fact that God is never satisfied with anything less than the devotion of our whole life for the whole duration of our lives.”

-Sinclair Ferguson

III. How can we be forgiven & live lives of love? (1 John 4)

“sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins”

Loved by _____ → love God → love _____

Jesus _____ the _____ to love.

John 13:35

Romans 5:5

“To love God in the way defined by the great commandment is to seek God for his own sake, to have a pleasure in him and to strive impulsively after him.”

-William Lane

“God’s redeemed are loved by God, so they ought to live as those who are loved by God.”

-Scott Redd

BIG IDEA: God loves us by giving us the power to love.

Questions for Digging Deeper:

1. What are some of the divisions in your heart that keep you from undivided love to God?
2. Who do you struggle to love? How does Jesus provide help?
3. Do you rely on your love to save you or Jesus’ love for you?