

Church Essentials: Loving, Part II

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 22:35-40

*“You don’t have to know a lot of things for your life to make a lasting difference in the world. But you do have to know the few great things that matter, and then be willing to live for them and die for them. The people that make a durable difference in the world are not the people who have mastered many things, but who have been mastered by a few great things.”*

-John Piper

### **Matthew 22:35-40**

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

### **Outline**

1. The Supremacy of Love
2. The Love of God
3. The Love of Others

### **The Love of Others**

#### **Ephesians 4:32**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

#### **1 John 3:16-17**

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but [also] in deed and in truth.

#### **John 13:34**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.



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## **The Love of God**

### **Isaiah 40:28**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

### **Psalms 145:3**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

### **Zephaniah 3:17**

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

### **Colossians 3:23**

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

### **1 John 4:9-10**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

