

Love Your NEIGHBOR

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Leviticus 19:18

Main Point: The love of God enables us to love our neighbors.

Introduction

Second Command: Love your neighbor as yourself *Lev 19:18*

Repeated 10x in the NT *Mt 5:43; 19:19; 22:39; Mr 12:31, 33;*

Lk 10:27; Rm 13:9, 10; Gl 5:14; Jm 2:8

Begin with "Love"

Love is the summation of the law *Rom 13:10*

Love is 1Cor 13:4-8 directed toward your neighbor

Keep it personal ("Your")

Not *my* neighbor or *others'* neighbor, but ***your*** neighbor

Reach your "near comrades" ("Neighbor")

Hebrew: *friend, companion, fellow, specifically reciprocal relations*

Greek: *near, close by, the one nearby, close proximity, fellow man*

Know God's Love

God's love manifests itself in a love for others *1Jo 4:20-21*

God's love for people fuels our love for people *2Pe 3:9; 1Ti 2:4*

We love others because He first loved us *1Jo 4:19; 10*

Response

Take a magnet and identify your actual neighbors

How well do you know each one?

Whom do you not know?

Which ones have been transformed by the love of God?

Search your heart

Consider your love for God/your love for your neighbors

What does this reveal about your heart and love?

Determine to make necessary changes

Do you need to embrace God's love?

Do you need to direct God's love toward your neighbors?