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From the Pastor



Loving Your Neighbor

While Jesus was having a discussion with the religious leaders of His day about all sorts of theological issues, a person came up to Him to ask a very important question. Here is a record of that conversation.

Mark 12:28-32 ²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. (ESV)

In the midst of deep theological issues, the most important to God is love. First, that we love God, and second that we love our neighbor. Love is the most important aspect of our Christian life. If we don't love, then all our knowledge is worthless. Paul the apostle wrote:

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (ESV)

God wants you to know about Him. He wants you to study His word. However, most important of all, God wants you to be a Christian who loves. A Christian who loves God and loves others. The question is not, how deep is your knowledge, but how deep is your love for God and those around you.

In Him and for His glory,

