

50 Commands of Christ - 11 - (#40-41)

40. Love the Lord—*Matthew 22:37-38*

Is this a new command of Christ? *Deuteronomy 6:5*

When you hear this command to “love God,” do you think of God as: a) a benevolent old uncle, b) a mighty king on a throne surrounded by angels, c) “I am who I am,” d) an angry and jealous God, e) a God who has forgiven and forgotten my sins, f) a God who created me and loves me, g) something else?

How can you show your love for God? *John 14:15*

How do you show your father, mother, brother, or friend your love for them?

Valentine’s Day is coming soon. Is this a good opportunity to show a wife or girlfriend your love?

41. Love your neighbor—*Matthew 22:39*

Is this a new command of Christ? *Leviticus 19:18*

When Jesus was asked by a Jewish expert in the law, “who is my neighbor?” which well-known parable did he tell? *Luke 10 29-37*

What kind of love did Jesus require you have for your neighbor?

What does it really mean to love your neighbor as yourself?

Which is it easiest and which hardest to love: a) God, b) a spouse or son or sibling, c) a friend from church, d) a neutral neighbor or passerby, e) needy person on the street or a missions trip, f) the person who cut you off in traffic or shot down your idea at work, or g) an enemy (of you, of the church, of the USA)?

Why do you think we like to study and debate what the Bible means, yet often resist changing our lives based on what it says and what we really know it means?

How important did Jesus say these two commands were?