

“The Right Checkpoints, #4: LOVE”

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Mark 12:28-34

BIG IDEA: Because God first loved us, we must love Him and others.

*“Listen, Israel!
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength...
Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other command greater than these.”
Mark 12:29-31 (CSB)*

“God is love.”

This love is unconditional, kind, gracious, enduring, merciful and forgiving. He proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ, God’s Son, died and rose again for us, offering the forgiveness of sins. By faith, we are enabled to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. By the Holy Spirit we are empowered to demonstrate God’s love in every way toward Him, His people, and the lost.



There is One God.

- We know there is One God and acknowledge Him in our lives!



There is one love.

- We give everything we are to loving God!



There is one commandment.

- Our relationships flow from our relationship with God!

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Read: Matthew 22:34-40, 46; Luke 10:25-28 (and re-read Mark 12:28-34)

Think: Think about Jesus’ conversation with this one Pharisee, and then ask yourself the following questions: *What subject is guaranteed to spark a debate at your house? Sports? Politics? Religion? Something else? Why are these two commandments the greatest? How do the 10 Commandments relate to these two? How was this teacher’s attitude different from that of many others who questioned Jesus (see 11:28; 12:13-14; 12:18-19)? What does Jesus’ response to this man teach you about Jesus? About the Kingdom? About love?*

Do: In three possibilities of love relationships (*with God, neighbors, and self*), where are you the strongest? The weakest? What have you found that helps love to grow in each area? What one thing can you do this week to demonstrate your love for God? Your love for others?