

SERIES: My Life Mission

TITLE: Love, Inc.

TEXT: Mark 12:28-30

PREACHED: Bear Creek Christian Church (09-19-21)

Bear Creek Church exists to love God, love people, and change the world!

Definition: "incorporate"

1. to combine or join with something already formed; make part of another thing; embody
2. to bring together into a single whole; merge
3. to give substantial, material, or physical form to

Synonyms: integrate, combine, encompass

The Five Love Languages

1. Words of affirmation
2. Quality time
3. Receiving gifts
4. Acts of service
5. Physical touch

Mark 12:28-30 ²⁸ ... Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ **Love** the Lord your **God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" (NIV)

Two ways of translation "the Lord our God, the Lord is one"

1. "The Lord is our God, the Lord alone"
2. "The Lord our God is one God"

HOW TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL MY BEING

1. Love God with **all** my HEART.
 - a. Develop a PASSION for what God is passionate about.
 - b. Show COMPASSION.
 - c. Develop healthy EMOTIONS.

2. Love God with **all** my SOUL.
 - a. Develop a godly CHARACTER.
 - b. Live with INTEGRITY.
 - c. Stand up for JUSTICE (knowing right from wrong).

3. Love God with **all** your MIND.
 - a. Use your mind for GOD'S GLORY.
 - b. Live by the TRUTHS of God's Word.
 - c. Protect your THOUGHTS.

4. Love God with **all** your STRENGTH.
 - a. Use your ENERGY to serve God.
 - b. Make sure your ACTIONS match your heart.
 - c. RESOLVE to love and follow no matter what.

LOVE INCORPORATED

1. If I love God, He will be my PRIORITY.

1 John 2:15-17 “¹⁵Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that **you do not really love God**; ¹⁶for all these worldly things, these evil desires—the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance—these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. ¹⁷And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever.” (LB)

2. If I love God, I will obey His PRINCIPLES.

1 John 2:3-6 “³ We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. ⁴ Whoever says, “I know Him,” but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys His word, **love for God** is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in Him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.” (NIV)

3. If I love GOD, I will also love His PEOPLE.

1 John 4:20-21 “²⁰If anyone boasts, “**I love God**,” and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won’t love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can’t see? ²¹The command we have from Christ is blunt: **Loving God includes loving people**. You’ve got to love both.” (Mes)

4. If I love God, I can count on His PROVISION.

Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who **love Him**, who have been called according to His purpose.” (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Hosea 6:6 “I don’t want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don’t want your offerings—I want you to know me.” (LB)

God DESIRES and DESERVES my LOVE.

1 John 4:9-10 ⁹ This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (NIV)