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# The Great Commandment



## **Matthew 22:34-36 niv**

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”



## **Matthew 22:37-40 niv**

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



### **Deuteronomy 6:4-5 niv**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

### **Leviticus 19:18 niv**

“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”



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## 10 Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall make no idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.



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## **1 John 4:7-8 niv**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.



**Genesis 1:27a niv**

So God created mankind in his own image...

**1 John 4:8b niv**

...God is love.



## **1 John 4:9-11 niv**

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.

<sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



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“Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.”

— Frederick M. Lehman, *“The Love of God”*



“Then, you let God love you; you let him get real close to you. I know, it seems painfully obvious, but I'm telling you, few men are ever so vulnerable as to simply let themselves be loved by God.”

— John Eldridge, *You Have What It Takes*



## 1 John 4:19-21 niv

We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.



I didn't die for you to live like this.  
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I didn't die for you to live like this.  
Oh, I died for you to love!

— Mike Mains & The Branches, *"Miracles"*



“God is so beautiful, and so patient, and so loving, and so generous that he is the heart and soul and rock of every love and every kindness and every gladness in the world. All the beauty in the world and in the hearts of men, all the painting all the poetry all the music, all the architecture comes out of his heart first. He is so loveable that no heart can know how loveable he is—can only know it in part. When the best man loves God best, he does not love him nearly as he deserves, or as he will love him in time.”

— George Macdonald



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