



“ONE PRAYER: LOVE”

Love; is a simple four letter word with two vowels, two consonants, and one really hard concept to live up to. In Mark 12:28 an old time teacher of the law asked Jesus which one of all the commandments was the most important to follow. In sports terminology, Jesus stepped into the “pitch” (controversy) and mentioned two commandments, one from Deuteronomy 6:5, the other from Leviticus 19:18. Both had to do with love.

John 13:34-35 (By this all men will know you are my disciples if you love one another), Acts 1:8 (Be my witnesses), and 1 John 4:7-8 (Let us love one another) tells that our community sees what Jesus looks like by looking at us, God’s people. I say we should give them a really long, good look. Let’s live a life so powerful, so unsettling, so wonderful, so joyous, and so loving, that our lives wouldn’t make sense... if our God did not exist... And this is how...

I. Love _____

Mark 12:30-31: “Love the Lord your God with _____ your _____ and with _____ your _____ and with _____ your _____ and with _____ your _____.” The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Omni _____ (_____)

Omni _____ (_____)

Omni _____ (_____)

PETER: A PROFILE & PERSPECTIVE

II. Do _____

John 21:15-17: "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you truly _____ more than these?' 'Yes, Lord," he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you truly _____?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, _____?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ' _____?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'"

The most important of all questions: _____?

This is both a simple question and a profound one. It was the most important question that the Apostle Peter had ever faced.

Within the deepest recesses of his being, did he, Peter truly love Jesus Christ?

1. Did he _____ but not love him? James 2:19

2. Did he _____ but not wholeheartedly? Psalm 51:1-2

3. Did he TRULLY _____ Psalm 63:1-4

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Commitment Point:

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.”

Christ did not inquire as to whether the world, or Israel, or the other disciples as a whole loved Him; He didn't ask Peter about someone else. He simply asked Peter one question, "Do you love me?"

Today, each one of us must ask and answer the question:

"Do I love Jesus Christ?"



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