

► Love Your Neighbor **As Yourself ...**

(Matthew 22:39–40 ESV) And a second is like it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** 40 On these two commandments **depend all the Law and the Prophets."**

(Matthew 7:12 ESV) So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, **for this is the Law and the Prophets.**

(Luke 10:25–28 ESV) And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, **and your neighbor as yourself."** 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

(Leviticus 19:18 ESV) You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself:** I am the LORD.

(Romans 13:8–10 ESV) **Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.** 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, **are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

(Galatians 5:13–15 ESV) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 **For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

(James 2:8 ESV) If you really fulfill **the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself,"** you are doing well.



► QUESTIONS ...

- When we approach God with questions, are obedience and trust our intended response (Luke 10:25)?
- Why would the Pharisee want to test Jesus (Matthew 22:35)?
- What does it mean that on these two commandments depend (or hang) all the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:40; see also 7:12)?
- How do we "read" the Bible (Luke 10:26)?
- What does Christ mean when he says to "do this, and you will live" (Luke 10:28; see also Matthew 19:21)?
- Do we need to go sell all our possessions and give to the poor to have eternal life (Matthew 19:16, 21)?
- Why do we sometimes seek to justify ourselves instead of submitting to the plain teaching of Scripture (Luke 10:29)?
- What caused the Samaritan to stop and help the man who was beaten and robbed (Luke 10:33)?
- Are we generous when we help the disadvantaged (Luke 10:35)?
- Do we prove ourselves to be neighbors (Luke 10:36)?
- Is mercy an outstanding characteristic of our lives (Luke 10:37)?

