

FUNDAMENTALS of CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sermon Title: Our Greatest Priority

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Who are we to love?

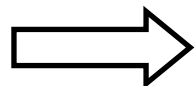
- **God:** Revealed in the Bible as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **Our neighbor:** Any person we encounter throughout our lives.

How are we to love?

- Love is the affection of Jesus for His people.
- Love is the submission and obedience of Jesus toward His Father.
- Love is the sacrifice of Jesus for the Father's glory and our good.

Three questions to examine my priorities?

- 1) What are my affections?
- 2) Who am I obeying?



3) What am I sacrificing for?

How can I make loving God my first priority and loving others second?

Luke 7:47 ... "Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Memory Verse for August-September

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

Psalms 1:1-3

From the Resources

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charities expenditure excludes them."

- C.S. Lewis *Mere Christianity* (Pg. 86)