

“Amazing Grace”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 22:34-40

I. Grace and “The Greatest Commandment”

A. How are We to Love God?

1. When Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment He linked obedience to a love for God!
 - a. The passage from which Jesus quoted demonstrates the importance of obedience with love.

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

Deuteronomy 11:13, 22; 19:9

- b. That this is an “eternal principle” (found in both OT & NT) is made obvious in the New Testament

John 14:15, 21

1 John 5:3

B. The Momentum & the Motive for Our Love & Obedience

1. A car’s cruise control’s convenience is it allows us to relax by not needing to focus on our speed.
 - a. Cruise control obedience allows us to press our obedience pedal to the speed of most others

- b. Do you know what kind of cars don’t have a cruise control?

1 Corinthians 9:24

2. While obedience is how we can express our love, obedience is not the same thing as love...
 - a. Love must be the motive for all of the acts of obedience!

Matthew 5:44

1 John 4:18

Proverbs 16:2

C. Learning and Growing in Love

1. How can we develop an obedience for God that is prompted by love & not some lesser motive?
 - a. John provides us with an answer . . .

1 John 4:19

Luke 7:47

Romans 5:8

- b. Those, however, who put their faith in their obedience, are not obeying God out of love.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- c. What is the worst thing a person can do related to their relationship with God...?

CONCLUSIONS:

1. For us here today...

a. Family:

Matthew 22:37

b. Guests:

John 14:15

John 3:36

John 20:28

Romans 10:9

Acts 17:30

1 Peter 3:21