

# **OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S COMMANDS — UNCOMPROMISING ALIGNMENT**

## **— Love and Service to Others Beginner Teaching Outline**

### **I. DOCTRINE STATEMENT — WHAT LOVE AND SERVICE ARE**

- Love is self-giving obedience that seeks the good of others. (Lev 19:18; John 13:34, summaries)
- Service is love expressed through action. (Gal 5:13; Mark 10:45, summaries)
- Servants of God are recognized by love. (John 13:35; Prov 3:27, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love is demonstrated through service.

### **II. LOVE COMMANDED BY GOD**

- God commands love toward others. (Lev 19:18; Matt 22:37–40, summaries)
- Love fulfills God’s law. (Rom 13:8–10; Gal 5:14, summaries)
- God’s love becomes the pattern for our love. (1 John 4:10–11; Eph 5:1–2, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love is a command, not a feeling.

### **III. LOVE MODELED BY CHRIST**

- Jesus served others sacrificially. (John 13:14–15; Matt 20:28, summaries)
- Christ’s love was humble and costly. (Phil 2:5–8; Isa 53:4–6, summaries)
- Love places others before self. (Rom 15:1–3; Luke 22:27, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Christ defines love through service.

### **IV. LOVE IN DAILY SERVICE**

- Love expresses itself in practical help. (Prov 31:20; James 2:15–16, summaries)
- Serving others honors God. (Col 3:23–24; Matt 25:40, summaries)
- Small acts of love matter to God. (Matt 10:42; Eccl 4:9–10, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Daily service reflects love.

### **V. LOVE AND COMMUNITY**

- Love promotes unity and peace. (Eph 4:2–3; Prov 10:12, summaries)

- Love supports others in difficulty. (Eccl 4:9–12; Gal 6:2, summaries)
- Love guards against selfishness. (Phil 2:4; Prov 11:25, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love strengthens community.

## VI. LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

- Love forgives offenses. (Prov 10:12; Matt 18:21–22, summaries)
- Forgiveness reflects God’s mercy. (Eph 4:32; Col 3:13, summaries)
- Unforgiveness damages service. (Matt 6:14–15; Eccl 7:9, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love releases forgiveness.

## VII. SERVANT IDENTITY MARKERS

- Servants act with compassion. (Luke 10:33–35; Ps 112:4–5, summaries)
- Servants serve without seeking reward. (Matt 6:3–4; Prov 19:17, summaries)
- Servants remain consistent in love. (1 Cor 13:4–7; Prov 17:17, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love marks true servants.

## VIII. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATION

- Love is commanded by God.
- Love is modeled by Christ.
- Love is expressed through service.
- Love strengthens relationships.

Memory Anchor: “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:35, summary)

## IX. TRANSITION TO NEXT DOCTRINE

- Love prepares the heart for endurance.
- Service often requires perseverance.
- Endurance sustains love over time.

## X. COMMAND SUMMARY

- Love and service to others are essential expressions of obedience to God.