

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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"...defend him, speak well of him, and explain his actions in the kindest way."

– from Martin Luther's Small Catechism, and his explanation of "Do not bear false witness..."

Loving God



1 John 4:9 AMP [God's love for US]

"By this the love of God was **displayed** in us, in that God has sent His [One and] only begotten Son [the One who is truly **unique**, the only One of His kind] into the world so that we might **live** THROUGH Him."

Matthew 22:37-38 NIV [What is the greatest commandment?]

[Question asked of Jesus when He was teaching in the Temple] "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and **greatest** commandment."

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NLT [The Shema] [pronounced "she-MA"] [Declaration of faith]

"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord **alone**. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must **commit** yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your **children**. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."

John 14:15 ESV

"If you love Me, you will keep My **commandments**."

1 John 5:3 AMP

"For the [true] love of God is this: that we **habitually** keep His commandments and remain focused on His precepts. And His commandments *and* His precepts are not difficult [to obey]."

Psalms 31:23 NLT

"Love the Lord, all you godly ones! For the Lord **protects** those who are loyal to Him, but He harshly **punishes** the arrogant."

1 Corinthians 8:3 NLT

"But the person who loves God is the one whom God **recognizes**."

Romans 8:28 NLT

"And we know that God causes **everything** to work together for the good of those who **love** God and are called according to His purpose for them."

Joshua 23:11 CSB

"So diligently watch **yourselves**! Love the Lord your God!"

John 21:15-19 NLT

"After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these [others]?' 'Yes, Lord,' Peter replied, 'You know I love You.' 'Then feed my **lambs**,' Jesus told him.

Jesus repeated the **question**: 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' 'Yes, Lord,' Peter said, 'You know I love you.' 'Then take care of my [young adult] sheep,'

Jesus said. 'A third time He asked Him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a **third** time. He said, 'Lord, you know everything. You KNOW that I love You.' Jesus said, 'Then feed my [adult] sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to **do** as you liked; you **dressed** yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your **hands**, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go.' Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he (Peter) would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, '**Follow me**.'"

1 Peter 1:8 CSB

"Though you have not seen Him, you **love** Him; though not seeing Him now, you believe in Him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious **joy**...."