

YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE WITHOUT  
THE OTHER

MATTHEW 22:34-39

# LOVE YOURSELF

- We are created in God's image – Gen. 1
- No other creature is afforded that level of dignity.
- God's love for man is different from every other creature – John 3:16
- Since God loves us so much, that love is the foundation for loving ourselves.
- Self love is not cannot therefore mean self-indulgence.

# LOVING ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS ONESELF

## LEVITICUS 19:9-17

- Do not reap your field up to its edge nor gather the gleanings after the harvest.
- Do not strip your vineyard bare nor gather the fallen grapes – leave them for the poor and the sojourner.
- Do not steal, deal falsely, lie, nor swear by God's name falsely.
- Do not oppress your neighbor or rob him.

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## LEVITICUS 19:9-17

- Pay the hired worker at the end of the day.
- Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind.
- Do no injustice in court.
- Do not be partial to the poor or defer to the great but always judge in righteousness.
- Do not slander among your people.

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## LEVITICUS 19:9-17

- Do not hate your brother in your heart lest you incur sin because of him.
- Do 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.

# WHAT DOES LOVING ONE'S NEIGHBOR LOOK LIKE?

- GO TO THE CROSS:
  - See Jesus taking care of his mother.
  - See Jesus forgiving the penitent thief.
  - See Jesus forgiving those who put him on the cross, who mocked him, who spit on him, who cursed him.
  - See Jesus dying for your sins and mine.
  - All sin is against God – He then has a right to ask us to love our enemies and pray for them.

# ON THESE TWO HANG ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

- LOVE GOD – THE BASIS FOR LOVING ONESELF.
- LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF – THE BASIS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING.
- LOVE – THE BASIS OF OUR LOVING, OBEDIENT RELATIONSHIP TO GOD