

Living Out the Gospel

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Mark 12:28-34

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- This scribe doesn't seem hostile, but true question
- A common debate: which law of 613 most important
- Men always want to 'keep the most important law'

Jesus' Answer

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- This answers our purpose for being created by God
- At the Fall we lost ability to please God due to sin
- Leaders believed since God elected them they had to obey and do religious duties to maintain their place.

A Radical Juxtaposition

- Jesus instead says if you loved God then you would love the things God loves
- Sacrifices won't earn or keep God's favor
- Sacrifices remind us of God's great mercy
- Scribe was "getting it"

Grasping the Gospel

- Jesus saw the Scribe wasn't just about religion³⁴
- Saw heartfelt obedience to God better than sacrifice
- Paul points us that way in NT^{Rm12:1-2}

Understanding Love that God Wants...

- We are made in God's image
- To love God we also love that which reflects God
- James^{3:9-10} uses this logic
- We must balance love for God, self, others

Key Truths

- The Lord is the One True God
- That's basis for the command to love God & neighbor
- God doesn't love us because we sacrifice & obey
- Because God loves us we respond in sacrifice and obey

Gospel Summary

- As sinners we can never love God as we ought to
- Realize Christ is our means of loving as we should
- As we look to Christ we can love God & neighbor
- Always remember that it is by faith! Rm10:17

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