

CHRISTMAS EVE

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RENEW → REBUILD → REKINDLE = LOVE SO AMAZING
Mt. 22:35-40



Mt. 22:35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying,

36 Master, **which is the great commandment** in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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A very religious “lawyer” asked Jesus which commandment was the greatest, and we just read His reply. We could label the reply as...

LOVE SO AMAZING

...which is our theme for 2022.

In essence, we can merge our theme from this year into the theme for this coming year...

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I. THE RENEWAL FROM THE PAST

- ❖ As the children of Israel prepared to go into the Promised Land, they were encouraged to seek the LORD with all their heart and soul.

Deut. 4:29 But if from thence **thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.**

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❖ After Moses had stated what God required, Joshua reiterated the same truth to Israel:

Deut. 10:12 And now, Israel, **what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,**

Josh. 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of **the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.**

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II. THE REBUILDING FOR THE PRESENT

❖ The “love commandment” was a requirement from Israel’s past to guide them into the present.

Deu 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, **to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,**

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❖ The “love commandment” was a proof of Israel’s relationship with God.

Deut. 13:3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: **for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

❖ When Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment, His reply for the present was...

Mt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

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❖ The “love commandment” is personal →
“Thou...thy...thy...thy...”

III. THE REKINDLING THAT IS PERSONAL

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- ❖ Both “love commandments” are personal →
“Thou...thy...thy...thy...” and “thou...thy...thyself...”
- ❖ Each of us has a responsibility to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ and His love during the Christmas season and each day of our lives!

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Conclusion

When our lives are replete with RENEWING, REBUILDING, AND REKINDLING, then our lives will be enriched to becoming *LOVE SO AMAZING*.

This Christmas Eve, may our lives shine forth the love of Christ that properly represents all that He is –
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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God Bless
— GO IN PEACE —

