

On To Maturity 08

Love and Oneness

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1 Review: Peter's Seven Virtues

UNSELFISH LOVE
BROTHERLY AFFECTION
GODLINESS
PERSEVERANCE
SELF-CONTROL
KNOWLEDGE
EXCELLENCE

2 The Four Commandments of Love.

1 Love the LORD God

2 Love Your Neighbor

Matthew 22:35–40 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 22:37 And he said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 22:38 This is the great and first commandment. 22:39 And a second is like it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself**. 22:40 On these two commandments depend (hang) all the Law and the Prophets.”

1 John 4:19–21 We love because he first loved us. 4:20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 4:21 **And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

Galatians 5:14 For the whole law is **fulfilled** in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

3 Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27–28, 34–36 “But I say to you who listen: **Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you**, 6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.... **But love your enemies**, do what is good, Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. 6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. (**Also Matthew 5:43–45**)

“The Kingdom of God advances by people lovingly placing themselves under others, in service to others, at cost to themselves. ...**in truth there is no greater power on the planet than self-sacrificial love**. Coming under others has a power to do what laws and bullets and bombs can never do—namely, **bring about transformation in an enemy's heart**. ... living in this Calvary-like love moment by moment, in all circumstances and in relation to all people, is the sole calling of those who are aligned with The Kingdom that Jesus came to bring.”

(Greg A Boyd, *The Myth of A Christian Nation*, 32-33)

4 The NEW Command: Love One Another

John 13:34–35 A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another**. 13:35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
(Also See **1 John 3:14–16** - lay down our lives...)

3 John 17 - LOVE >>> ONENESS: The Final Apologetic

John 17:20–23 ...May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. **May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me.**

... May they be made completely one, **so the world may know You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me.**