



The Believer's Duty

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The believer in Jesus Christ has been given duties (or responsibilities in response to grace) from God. While there are many, they may be summed up in the following categories:

(1) love _____ and (2) love _____.

1. Love _____:

The believers first and most significant duty is to love God with their entire being. Listen to Jesus' words.

- "34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:34-38

But what does it mean to love God? Loving God may be understood ultimately as _____ and _____ Him alone as the true and only God.



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Worship entails ascribing attributes and activities of divine proportion to something. And the only One worthy of such ascribing is the Creator and Redeemer of all—the Lord God Himself. To ascribe what is true only of Him to something or someone else, is to deny Him and to hurt yourself and others.

Service entails faithfulness to honor God and His will in your actions. It is no longer our own glory and will that drive us; it is God's glory and will that do.

Again and again God teaches His people not to worship and serve any other god.

- Exodus 20:2-4 – “2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image...”
- Exodus 23:24 – “You shall not **worship** their gods, nor **serve** them, nor do according to their deeds; but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their sacred pillars in pieces.”
- Exodus 34:14 – “(for you shall **worship** no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)”
- Deuteronomy 5:9 – “You shall not **worship** them or **serve** them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me”



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- Deuteronomy 8:19 - “It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and **serve** them and **worship** them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish.”
- Deuteronomy 11:16 - “Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and **serve** other gods and **worship** them.”
- Psalm 29:2 - “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; **Worship** the LORD in holy array.”
- John 4:24 - ““God is spirit, and those who worship Him must **worship** in spirit and truth.”
- Romans 12:1 - “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of **worship**.”
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 - “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
- Revelation 19:10 - “Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; **worship** God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
- Revelation 22:8-9 - “I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. **Worship** God.”



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2. Love _____:

The believer is further to love other people. Jesus said, "39 And the second [greatest commandment] is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39).'" And the apostle Paul teaches the Church that to love others as you love yourself is to fulfill God's entire law (Galatians 5:13-14).

But what is love? Scripture teaches us:

John 3:16 -

Romans 5:8 -

1 John 3:16-18 -

Ephesians 5:25-29 -

Ephesians 5:1-2 -

Luke 6:27-36 -

John 13:34-35 -

Love may be described as having a high _____ for other people followed by _____ giving for their benefit.



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While love can look like many activities for the follower of Jesus, there are two important activities that every Christian ought to be engaged in.

A. Edifying the _____: Every believer has been given at least one spiritual gift in order to manifest God's Spirit and edify the Church (1 Cor. 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10).

B. Witnessing the _____ of Jesus to the lost: Every believer ought to participate in making disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19-20).

When love for God and love for man guides the believer's thoughts, motivations and actions, they are fulfilling the whole law of God and pleasing Him (James 2:8).

Love in Christ is ultimately the Christian's duty, one from which all other duties flow.

Quiz for fun:

What is the believer's duty?