

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS – Kahu Billy Mitchell Dec.27.2020

Mark 12: 29-31 NIV ²⁹“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

1. Love God! Mark 12:30 NIV ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

My goal is God Himself, not joy, not peace, nor even blessing, but Himself, my God!

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Warnings from God: not to forget him! Revelation 2:2-5 NIV ²I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴Yet I hold this against you: **You have forsaken the love you had at first.** ⁵Consider how far you have fallen! **Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.**

Deuteronomy 8:11-14 NIV ¹¹**Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God,** failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴**then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of [YOUR] Egypt, out of the land [YOUR TIME] of slavery.**

Jeremiah 2:32 NIV Does a young woman forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.

Prevention from forgetting God! DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9 ⁶These commandments that I give you today **are to be on your hearts.** ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Result of loving God ROMANS 8:28 NIV ²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

PSALM 5:11 NIV But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

2. Love Others Mark 12:31 NIV ³¹The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ³¹ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Philippians 2:3 NIV ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

REMEMBER:

- 1. God loves us so much that he sent His Son Jesus to save us!**
- 2. Let's purpose our hearts to love Him more this coming year!**
- 3. Witness about God with our unconditional love for others!**

AMEN

COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bread While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." **MATTHEW 26:26 NIV**

The Juice Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."
MATTHEW 26:27-28 NIV