

1. Mark 12:31 Love your neighbour as yourself

2. Text of 12:28-34

3. Text of 12:29-31 Want us to see the pattern / flow

Prophets foretold: Ezekiel 36:26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

..the LORD our God, the LORD is one — Know God, receive heavenly Father's love for you.

And you shall love the LORD your God with... — In receiving His love, then return love to Him. Our love is a response
1 John 4:19 "We love Him because He first loved us."

And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. — when our hearts are filled with His love we will overflow with love to others.

4. Mark 12:31 "**And the second, like it, is this...**" as important as the primary law, in that it is above all laws, and it is inseparable from the first.

5. God's law, desire, will for man: **to Know God** (*Receive His love, filled*), **to Love God** (*responding*), **to Love your neighbour** (*over-flowing*)

6. — **Tour de love** —

text of 1 John 4:7-12 & 19-21

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

[Jas 2:8 NKJV] If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you do well;

[Gal 6:2 NKJV] Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

[Mat 5:17 NKJV] "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

7. Establish that (all) Love begins with God's love

Establish that Loving one another is fulfilling God's law

8. Mark 12:31 text

What exactly does loving your neighbour look like?

Who is my neighbour?

Does my love include everyone around me?

Have I taken responsibility to obey God's command?

9. My need for God's Spirit to pour love into my life

Romans 5:5 "God's love has been poured out Sheds love abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love..."

The Father sent the Son.

the Son sent the Spirit,

and the Spirit sends us.