

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 102: *Sum* of first 4 commandments our duty to God. Their essence: *Love* of God.

Main Point of Text: The way of eternal life is the sincere and steadfast love of God.

Sermon Point: *Truly love Jesus.*

Move 1: Jesus truly loves you.

Luke 10:27: Context vs. 25: Lawyer trying to tempt Christ.

- Vs. 26, the Lord says, “you tell me from the Law”. Answers with vs. 27 (Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18).
- Vss. 25 and 28: love is the way to eternal life. But he doesn't/isn't listening to the gift of God's love.

Deut. 6:4: “Hear”. Who must hear? Israel, God's *redeemed/rescued*. So too we *respond* to Jesus, the way of eternal life by hearing and obeying: *We love him, because he first loved us.* (1 John 4:19).

Move 2: Like Jesus more than anyone else.

What love is. Not emotions (although they get caught up in it):

- Greek of Luke 10:27: Highly esteem. Value. Loyalty. Sincere appreciate. Good will.
- Hebrew of Deut. 6:5: related to Abraham being friend of God (James 2:23). “Like”.

Deut. 6:4: “One Lord”. God is singular. And Personal.

Move 3: Love Jesus with everything in you.

Luke 10:27/Deut. 6:5: The paraphrastic nature of the phrase is for an emphasis on your insides. Greek: heart (center of life); soul (self, center of personality); strength (might, muchness); mind (understanding). Mind not in Deut. 6:5 because “mind” included in Hebrew word for heart, “levav”: (inner man). Love God with everything in you: “Whole hearted”. Everywhere all the time. Love consumes feelings, controls thinking, guides actions, for and toward someone. You have a singular focus. Sum of Deut. 6:5: be sincere.

Conclusion:

Truly love Jesus.