

## Full Orbed Love (part 2)

Mark 12:30

- I. The meaning of the terms “heart,” “soul,” “strength,” and “mind”
- II. How to love God with everything we have } (Last week)
  - A. With our emotions & spiritual senses (**the devotional side of love**)
  - B. With our soul (**the relational side of love**)
    - 1. false solutions to loneliness
      - a) Busyness
      - b) Buying new things
      - c) Affairs
      - d) Drugs
      - e) Marriage
      - f) Wealth
    - 2. The true solution to loneliness
      - a) It settles fear, calms anxiety and gives boldness (Josh. 1:9; Psalm 31:20; Phil 4:4-9; Heb. 13:5-6)
      - b) It gives great joy (Psalm 16:11)
      - c) It helps us face death (Psalm 23:4)
      - d) It helps us face betrayal (Psalm 27:10; 2 Tim 4:17 with vv. 9,10,16)
      - e) It promotes godliness (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)
      - f) It helps us to persevere (Heb. 12)
      - g) It gives faith (Psalm 9:10)
      - h) It gives contentment (Heb. 13:5)
      - i) It gives confidence in evangelism (Matt. 28:20)
    - 3. How do we enter into the experience of God’s abiding presence? (What Calvin called *corem deo* – “before the face of God.”)
      - a) Be willing to be broken before the Lord (James 4:6-10; Is. 57:15; Psalm 34:18; 5:5; John 14:21; Heb. 10:22)
      - b) Claim the gift of the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:9-13; Gal. 3:5; Eph. 1:17; 2 Tim. 1:7)
      - c) Claim His promised manifestation (John 14:23; Rev. 3:20)
      - d) Live in obedience to the things that God has already shown you (John 14:21)
      - e) Wait upon the Lord; Behold the Lord in the stillness & silence of solitude (. 80ff Luke 5:16; Psalm 46:10; 27:14; 37:7; 130:5,6; Is. 40:31; 30:21)
      - f) Begin practicing His presence
        - (1) in your prayer life (Eph. 6:18; 1 Thes. 5:17)
        - (2) in your Scripture reading (Psalm 119:18; Rom. 10:6-8)
        - (3) in your worship (John. 4:23; Matt. 18:20)
        - (4) in your pursuit of holiness (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1) p. 77ff
        - (5) in your relations to believers (Matt. 25:31-46)
        - (6) in your reactions to Providence (Job 1:20-22)
      - g) Be open to disturbing encounters with God (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; etc.)
  - C. With our strength (**the activist side of love**)
  - D. With our mind (**the academic side of love**)