

I. What Jesus Means

- A. Quandaries of the law
- B. New obligations (Exodus 31:18; Isaiah 64:6; 1 Corinthians 8:1)
- C. The law of love is different

II. How to Love God and Neighbor

- A. Love of *God* (Deuteronomy 6:5; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; Psalm 103:1)
- B. Love of *neighbor as yourself* (Leviticus 19:18; Luke 15:11-32; 1 Timothy 4:10)
- C. "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (James 5:8, 12; Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42; Micah 6:8)

III. Why This Is Brilliant

- A. Love allows us to judge between our impulses
- B. Love allows us to not be H.L. Mencken
- C. Love is the truest outworking of faith (Galatians 5:6)
- D. Love of God is the only alternative to idolatry
- E. Without love, freedom is impossible (Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:13-14)
- F. Love helps us escape our own heads
- G. Love calls us to reality

IV. Love Is of God

- A. God is love (John 3:16)
- B. Love is the reason for existence and creation
- C. Love is the reason for our redemption (1 John 4:7-19)