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13 **In Your Faith...[Bring In] Love**

- Gleanings from [1 John 3:16](#) & [1 John 4:10](#)
- Keys:
 - Know love by this, that he laid down his life for us; [and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren]
 - He loved us and sent his son *to be* the propitiation for our sins
 - Love:
 - Consistent with God's character
 - Consistent with God's plan & purpose
 - Consistent with God's justice

14 **In Your Faith...[Bring In] Love**

- God's love
 - Was not some favorable 'feel good vibe' that he had of us—we deserve(d) eternal death as his enemies
 - Was on display when Christ took the penalty on our behalf
 - Redemption – set us free unto new life
 - Atonement – forgiveness of sins
 - Propitiation – paid the penalty (vicariously) and assuaged God's wrath
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15 **In Your Faith...[Bring In] Love**

- Our love
 - Springs forth from the root of God's love and is
 - Reflected in consistency in embracing God and his attributes (love)
 - Reflected in consistency in embracing God's plan and purpose (to save his people and make all things new)
 - Reflected in consistency in embracing what God says
 - If you love me you will keep my commandments

16 **In Your Faith...[Bring In] Love**

- When asked about the greatest command from God, Jesus replied...
 - Matthew 22:37-40 and he said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' ³⁸ "this is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ "the second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ⁴⁰ "on these two commandments depend the whole law and the prophets."

17 **In Your Faith...[Bring In] Love**

- The whole law and the prophets
 - "Hang" on the two great commandments
 - Love God [with every facet of your being]
 - Love neighbor [as yourself]
- It is the 'whole law and the prophets'
 - Which speak of Jesus Christ
 - His humiliation – taking on human flesh, his suffering, the cross
 - His exaltation / glory

18 **In Your Faith...[Bring In] Love**

- Point:
 - Obeying the two great commands
 - Love God
 - Love neighbor
 - Is of necessity an embracing of
 - God's definition of love
 - As revealed in the cross
 - As manifested in the life, death and exaltation of Jesus Christ

19 **In Your Faith...[Bring In] Love**

- In your
 - Worship
 - Interaction with others
 - We need to remember...
 - The love of God is at stake
- The one we represent and the message we bring of love
 - Is not empty or vacuous
 - But centers on the totality of what Christ did

20 **Final Thoughts**

- Godliness
 - Result of A properly grand view of God
- Love
 - Result of A properly grand view of what God accomplished in Christ
 - Becoming our substitute in taking upon himself the penalty for sin
 - Becoming an atonement for sin, setting us free that we may
 - Love God
 - Love neighbor