

Wylie Methodist Exists to: Love God

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[Matthew 22:34-40](#) (Great Commandment)

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

To love God means...

I. HE MUST BE THE FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, this is what he said... "Love the Lord your God" (v. 37)

"All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (v. 40)

[1 John 4:19](#)

We love because he first loved us.

To Love God means...

2. HE MUST COME FIRST

[Matt 22:37](#)

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To love God we...

3. WORSHIP AND SERVE HIM

[Matt 6:9](#)

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."

[Matthew 7:22-23](#)

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.'

[John 21:15-17](#)

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me? Feed my sheep."

[1 John 3:16](#)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us...