

Lesson 9

Christian Morality: What Does Love Look Like?

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you”. John 15:12

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **What do you understand by “God is love, and he who abides in love, abides in God and God abides in them”?**

Answer: The Gospels have many passages that focus on the nature of love. The above line presents a very powerful message : that whenever and wherever we love another, God is present in a special way. That makes all relationships holy and sacred.

2. **“What is the central goal of the Christian moral life?**

Answer: The central goal of the Christian moral life is to determine what it really means to love one another as Jesus loved us.

- ▶ The Scriptures are filled with answers to that question. Jesus came from devoutly Jewish roots.
- ▶ He preached the authentic message of Judaism, which was a message about God’s love for humanity.
- ▶ Love is the highest law, love directed to God, to neighbor, to self, and to the created order.

3. **In what is the law of love presented?**

Answer: The law of love is presented in the Hebrew Scriptures, through the Ten Commandments.

4. **Where was the 10 Commandments given and to whom?**

Answer: The 10 commandments was given to Moses on Mount Sinai

5. **Which are the Commandments that speaks about God and what does it say?**

Answer: Commandment 1 to 3 – On God?

1. I am the Lord, your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day or Sabbath day.

6. **Do you remember On Sabbath day, in the synagogue, Jesus stood up to read the scroll - from which Prophet did he read?**

Answer: (Micah, Jonah, Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel)

7. **Which is the only Commandment with a Promise?**

Answer: Honor your father and mother, so that you may have a long life.

8. Which Commandment speaks about oneself and what does it say?

Answer:

5. You shall not kill
6. You shall not commit adultery
7. You shall not steal

9. Which Commandment speak On Neighbors and what does it say?

Answer:

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

10. Which Commandment is the foundation of Christian morality?

Answer: Love God and love one another as God have loved us.

11. What are some of the miracles did Jesus performed?

Answer:

1. He turned water into wine
2. He walked on the water
3. He washed the feet of his disciples

12. "What does love look like?"

Answer: "Love looks like the Reign of God" i.e. God's love reigning over the hearts of people, and a new social order based on unconditional love of God and others.

- ▶ The opposite of love is not hate; it is apathy. Apathy means "without feeling" – i.e. indifference or a lack of concern.
- ▶ Loving is not the same as liking. We are not called to like everyone, but we are called and empowered by God to love.
 - Love means being deeply concerned about the dignity and welfare of other people.
 - It means respecting all life because we are in relationship with all life.
 - In this context, sin is understood as a violation of this relationship with God, with other human beings, with creation or with life itself.

