

Deuteronomy 6:4-5  
Mark 12:28-34



# LOVING GOD

We are commanded to love God.

Mark 12:30

Paul compares the relationship  
of Christ and the church as a  
BRIDE and GROOM

Ephesians 5:32

- LOVE FIRST -

- LOVE GROWS -

- LOVE DEEPENS -



# LOVE FIRST

Love in the beginning

“Falling in love”

Vibrant – Romantic – Naïve

Marriages can end when first  
love dies

First love for God is where  
devotion grows

1 John 5:1-3



# LOVE GROWS

Love must grow into a  
relationship

True love is found in  
understanding one another

**1 Peter 3:7 and 3:1**

Love for God must grow daily

**Ephesians 5:27-29**

Talking and listening to God daily

**1 John 2:3-6**



# LOVE DEEPENS

When our relationship with God  
begins with first love and grows

LOVE WILL DEEPEN

Cling to God

Deuteronomy 30:20

Jacob's love - Genesis 29:20

Enraptured love – Proverbs 5:19

Christ like love – Ephesians 5:25



Draw near to God and He will  
draw near to you. Cleanse  
your hands, you sinners; and  
purify your hearts, you  
double-minded.

**James 4:8**



For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only  
begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him should not  
perish but have everlasting  
life.

**John 3:16**



If you love Me, keep My  
commandments.

**John 14:15**

He who believes and is  
baptized will be saved; but he  
who does not believe will be  
condemned.

**Mark 16:16**

