

# Loving Jesus, Growing Together, Serving Our World

## Part 1: Loving Jesus

### Matthew 22:37-39

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This is where it all begins! If you are going to follow Jesus Christ in this life, the first step is to love Him! You keep taking that step over and over again. In fact, no matter how long you have this relationship with Him, you never get away from this step. It is the beginning and it sustains you all along the way. But what does it mean to really love Jesus? Is it infatuation? Adoring? Honoring? How do you define it? Better yet, how do you do it?

Jesus said, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39*

This gives us some clues about what it means  
when we say we are “Loving Jesus!”

#### **What does it mean to love Jesus?**

- ⊖ **Loving Him with all your heart.**  
**You *surrender* to Him.** *Romans 12:1*
  
- ⊖ **Loving Him with all your soul.**  
**You *worship* Him.** *Hebrews 1:6*
  
- ⊖ **Loving Him with all your mind.**  
**You *humbly obey* Him.** *John 14:15, 21, 24*
  
- ⊖ **Loving Him by loving others.**  
**You *value others* like He does.** *1 John 4:20*

#### ***An Everyday Creed***

*Worship is my response to who I value most.  
Who I value most is the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I was made by Him and for Him.  
He is awesome beyond my mind's ability to comprehend.  
I exist for the purpose of reflecting back to the Lord His matchless glory.  
I will exalt Him with my mouth and with my life for  
He is my hope, my joy, my strength, and my salvation.  
This day will be used to know Him and love Him more!*  
*Luke 4:8; Psalm 95:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; Isaiah 12:2-5*

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