



Amigos de Jesús y María

XXX Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario, 25 de octubre 2020

Ezequiel 22, 20-26; Salmo 17; 1 Tesalonicense 1, 5-10; Mateo 22, 34-40

El gran Mandamiento

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Reflection

Who were the Sadducees? They were a high class jewish sect with much power who did not believe in the resurrection. Jesus had reprimanded them saying He was a God of the living. **Who were the Pharisees?** They were another powerful jewish sect, who followed the 600 laws rigorously, and looked down upon those that did not. They ask Jesus, which is the most important commandment. Jesus summarizes all the laws with two commandments: **Love God and Love Your Neighbor**. Jesus affirms that they must love God absolutely quoting what God told Moses when He gave him the 10 commandments: "You shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." He added a second commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself".

First, Jesus asks us to have a close relationship with God. We can achieve this with prayer. By believing, hoping and trusting God, God can transform our heart. **Second**, Jesus wants us to see others through His eyes, with the look of love that everyone needs. **Jesus showed us this love on the Cross. The vertical wood** unites heaven with earth; it shows us God's love for mankind and invites us to love Him back. It is the source of our love. And **the horizontal wood** sustains Jesus' arms, forming an embrace that envelopes us in a fraternal love, uniting us as family, touching all with His great love.

Activity

On the following page, color and fill in the blank with Jesus' response.

Prayer

Lord, help me to love as you love, extending my heart to the two horizons you show us. Show me how to love a little more each day, and so help build your Kingdom.

Song: Love One ta Pyle, (*Ctrl Click*), <https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAFLU4>

Love the Lord Your God with all your Strength, CJ and Friends, <https://youtu.be/vdMlxCdIY-c>





Which is the most important Commandment?

Mathew 22: 34-40

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Jesus responded:

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