

WHAT IS CHURCH?

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COVENANT OF LOVE

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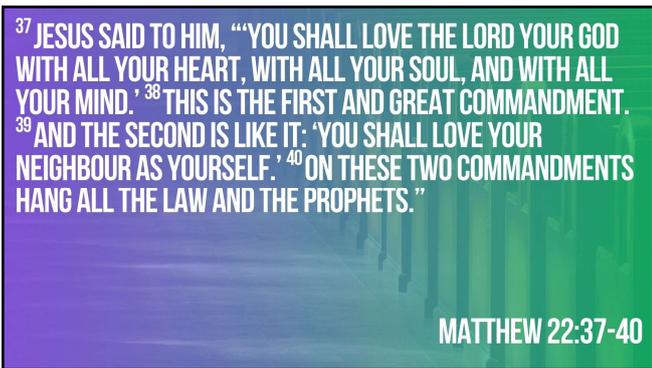
¹AFTER DAVID HAD FINISHED TALKING WITH SAUL, JONATHAN BECAME ONE IN SPIRIT WITH DAVID, AND HE LOVED HIM AS HIMSELF. ²FROM THAT DAY SAUL KEPT DAVID WITH HIM AND DID NOT LET HIM RETURN HOME TO HIS FAMILY. ³AND JONATHAN MADE A COVENANT WITH DAVID BECAUSE HE LOVED HIM AS HIMSELF. ⁴JONATHAN TOOK OFF THE ROBE HE WAS WEARING AND GAVE IT TO DAVID, ALONG WITH HIS TUNIC, AND EVEN HIS SWORD, HIS BOW AND HIS BELT.

1 SAMUEL 18

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MATTHEW 22:37-40

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¹ IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MEN OR OF ANGELS, BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I AM ONLY A RESOUNDING GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL. ² IF I HAVE THE GIFT OF PROPHECY AND CAN FATHOM ALL MYSTERIES AND ALL KNOWLEDGE, AND IF I HAVE A FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I AM NOTHING. ³ IF I GIVE ALL I POSSESS TO THE POOR AND GIVE OVER MY BODY TO HARDSHIP THAT I MAY BOAST, BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING.

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⁴ LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. ⁵ IT DOES NOT DISHONOUR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. ⁶ LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. ⁷ IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES.

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⁸ LOVE NEVER FAILS. BUT WHERE THERE ARE PROPHECIES, THEY WILL CEASE; WHERE THERE ARE TONGUES, THEY WILL BE STILLED; WHERE THERE IS KNOWLEDGE, IT WILL PASS AWAY. ⁹ FOR WE KNOW IN PART AND WE PROPHECY IN PART, ¹⁰ BUT WHEN COMPLETENESS COMES, WHAT IS IN PART DISAPPEARS.

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¹¹ WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I TALKED LIKE A CHILD, I THOUGHT LIKE A CHILD, I REASONED LIKE A CHILD. WHEN I BECAME A MAN, I PUT THE WAYS OF CHILDHOOD BEHIND ME. ¹² FOR NOW WE SEE ONLY A REFLECTION AS IN A MIRROR; THEN WE SHALL SEE FACE TO FACE. NOW I KNOW IN PART; THEN I SHALL KNOW FULLY, EVEN AS I AM FULLY KNOWN. ¹³ AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

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