

# Sunday, January 12, 2020

**Title:** FIRST Commandment

**Series:** Some Bible “FIRSTS” ... 3

**Text:** Matthew 22:1 - 46 (34 - 40)

## Introduction:

- > Seek FIRST the Kingdom Of God - PRIORITY
- > FIRST importance - MERCY and GRACE
- > FIRST commandment - INSTRUCTION

Psalms 119:105 *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

## First Commandment Revealed:

- > Matthew 22:36, *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”*
- > Matthew 22:37 & 38, *“And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment,”*
- > First, not as in a sequence but, first in importance or priority.

## First Commandment Modelled:

- > John 5:19, *“So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.”*
- > Matthew 26:39, *“And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”*
- > Luke 23:34, *“And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.”*

## First Commandment Is Foundational To All:

- > Matthew 22:40, *“On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*
- > 1 John 4:20, *“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”*
- > What more can one say?

## First Commandment Defines Christians:

- > John 13:35, *“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

## Conclusion:

A commandment is NOT a suggestion!

The royal law James 2:8, *“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.”*