

THE ROYAL LAW

PART ONE

Text: Mark 12:28-31, Romans 5:6-8

- The first of four points about God's _____ Law of love:

I. THE PERSON WE ARE TO LOVE.

- Mark 12:29-30a: The _____ (Jehovah, "I am"); our God (a personal God); one Lord (the one and _____ God).

A. He Is _____ God.

1. Revealed by the numbers of stars and galaxies in the universe
2. Revealed by the _____ of the universe
3. Revealed by the smallness of _____
4. Revealed in His inerrant _____

B. He Is Infinitely _____ God.

- When we sinned, God didn't forget about us; He still loved us and has even _____ us by becoming one of us (Ps. 8:3-4).
- Romans 5:6-8:
 - "_____ " = the anointed one sent in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies; God with us, God's Son, the God-man.
 - "Commendeth" = to _____ by introducing or exhibiting.
- Eight truths about the infinite love of God from this passage:
 1. His Love Is _____.
 - Our undeserving condition described in 2 statements:
 - Vs. 6, "When we were yet without strength" = both short-lived and unable to _____ ourselves.
 - Vs. 8, "While we were yet sinners" = not lovely or lovable; not deserving, worthy, or _____.
 2. His Love Is _____.
 - "Commendeth His love" = _____ love = divine love, supreme love, or sacrificial love.
 - Through an act of will, this kind of love subjugates and incorporates the entire being, not just the feelings, and chooses to set aside all other interests to esteem the object of love to be of supreme worth, then acts accordingly.
 3. His Love Is _____ and Sacrificial.
 - "Christ _____ for us."
 - He held nothing back, but gave all, and loved us without reserve, to become our risen, victorious Savior (Jn. 15:13, Philip. 2:6-8).

4. His Love Is _____.

- "Commendeth" = here's the _____ or visible proof of God's love.
- His love was tested and verified by His actions (John 18:4).

5. His Love Is _____.

- He loved you long _____ you heard of Him, and He loves you today as much as He did when He died on the cross.
- If you are a believer, you can be sure that God's love for you will never wither, _____, grow old, die, or leave you abandoned and forsaken (Jer. 31:3, Rom. 8:38-39).

6. His Love Is Initiating and _____.

- God's love for us gives us a powerful _____ to love Him in return (1 John 4:19, 10-11).
- We are also to be _____ of God's love in how we love others (John 13:34).
- The only reason we can show love to God and others is because He has first put His love in our hearts (Rom. 5:5).
 - "_____ abroad" = poured forth liberally and without reserve.
- Application: We should esteem God and others to be of greatest worth and should love them sacrificially, unreservedly, practically, and unchangingly, and we should even love those people who don't seem very _____ of our love, and we shouldn't wait for others to love us first.

CONCLUSION

- Word love used about _____ x in the English Bible:
 - About 100x for God's love for _____;
 - About 400x for a person's love for God, the things of God, some other person, or something else.
- Point = God doesn't need to be _____ to love us.
 - His love is beyond question and a _____.
 - It is infinite, everlasting, unchanging, and proven.
 - He has loved us supremely, sacrificially, unreservedly, practically, and first.
- Question: Not will God love you, but will you _____ Him and love _____ with His love?