



# Loving God & Our Neighbor

Spirituality is the foundation of Christian Faith and not just one among many of its expressions. Spirituality is about God's Will. It's about God's life giving connection with all of His people everywhere that reaches across all lines that we have created to separate ourselves from each other under the pretext of our being *right*.

We need to start over if we are serious about our relationship with God. We must reduce everything we believe to the most simple level, and be willing to let go of those notions we have learned that are not in line with the way God truly relates to us.

It behooves us, therefore, to pursue God's Will for us in the most simple and direct way possible. It is helpful to begin with the basic truth concerning the reason we have been put on this earth in the first place. The purpose of our being here is to bring joy to God. It is the same reason that parents bring children into the world—to enjoy them.

We are here for God's pleasure. We discover our greatest fulfillment and joy by living in such a manner that God is pleased. That is the ultimate purpose of our lives. What, then, is that supposed to look like?

Jesus has made that abundantly clear. In one simple but all inclusive statement He summarized how we are to evaluate everything we do and say and even think. Follow this and you will find life's deepest joys as will those around you. Let these words sear your heart and spirit.

“Love God with all of your heart, mind and spirit, and love your neighbor—all of God's people with no exception—as yourself.” Measure your every thought, word and deed by that counsel and you can be certain that you are doing God's Holy Will. Work at achieving that and God will be overjoyed; so will you.

