

SERMON NOTES

SERMON DATE: **Sunday, July 22, 2020**
SERMON TITLE: **Spiritual I.T. : Loving God with All Your Mind**
PREACHER: **PASTOR JEFF MOSS**
BIBLE TEXT: **Matthew 22:34-37**

Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 and 10:12 – **to love the Lord thy God with ALL your heart, soul and might.**

Jesus drops '*might*' and adds the word '*mind*'. Why does He do this?

God's love toward us can be generally summed up in 2 categories:

1. He loves us by **providing for us**
2. He loves us by **sacrificing for us**

But **how to WE love God?**

1. We love Him with our body
 - a. By resisting those things that are morally bad
 - b. By witnessing, helping, serving
2. We love Him with our soul
 - a. By focusing on things of eternal value (Mark 8:36-37/1 Peter 2:11)

This sermon's focus: **loving the Lord with all your MIND** – how we can keep our mind in a state that is consistent with loving the Lord our God with all our mind, in the midst of so much negativity in the world.

Keeping a mind that pleases God: 3 truths

1. **I love the Lord with all my mind BY BELIEVING HIM**
 - a. **Ephesians 1:11-12**
 - b. **Mark 9:14-24**
2. **I love the Lord with all my mind BY TRUSTING HIM**

a. James 2:19

3. I love the Lord with all my mind BY SACRIFICING

a. Romans 5:8

b. 2 Corinthians 10:5

One cannot love the Lord with all their mind if they don't first accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

There are certain facts that one must believe:

- He was born of a virgin
- He was God in the flesh
- He was sinless
- He was crucified
- He rose from the grave
- He will return

It is necessary to believe these facts – but it is insufficient **only** to believe it. Salvation comes when I accept that I am a sinner – and then by faith accept God's gift of salvation

*To wit, that God was in Christ,
reconciling the world unto Himself,
not imputing their trespasses unto them.
2 Corinthians 5:19*