

Reflections

***'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your entire mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.'* (Mark 12:29-31)**

Jesus was questioned by a scribe, and Jesus enlightened him by giving the above truth. These two commandments are the essence of God and our relationship. It is a love relationship. The Bible says, God alone is love (1 Jn. 4:8). And he primarily created us, to love us. Therefore no one deserves our love first, but God.

Paul in 1 Cor. 14 says we need to pursue 'Love.' In essence we need to pursue 'God.' Firstly we need to pursue God, that is love him because he loved us first. He extended his hand towards us on the cross and now it is our turn. Secondly, to love him is going to immensely benefit us and our lives. The more we choose to love him, the easier life would be. Paul says in 1 Cor. 2:9 that, what our eyes has not seen, or ears have ever heard, has never even entered our hearts are the very things God has prepared for those who love him. There are innumerable promises for those who choose to love God. Therefore to love him, is to make him the first priority. We the body of Christ must experience and taste the Lord daily so that our lives can be befitting offering unto the Lord.

Prayer

Loving God, saturate us with your love, and may the church be filled with your love for others on this World Mission Day. Amen.