

The Greatest Gift: Love (Christ)!

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- In a December 2nd article, the **National Retail Federation** estimated that Americans will spend between \$942 - \$960 billion during the Christmas season in 2022.

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John 3:16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

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Matthew 22:37-38 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God **with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**” ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment.

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Love Yourself

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³⁹ And *the second is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor **as yourself.**' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)

For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Jeremiah 1:4,5 (AMPC)

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying,

⁵ Before I formed you in the womb **I knew [and] approved of you** [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated *and* set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

Love Others

1 John 4:7-11 (NKJV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.** ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, **we also ought to love one another.**

Titus 3:3-7 (NKJV)

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ **But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,** ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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