

# Te Puna Wai Ora

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**Love, and Sin, and Forgiveness**

**Jesus was asked,  
“what is the greatest commandment  
in the law?”**

- **Jesus replied in Matthew 22;**
- **You shall love the Lord Your God,**
  - with all your **heart**,
  - and with all your **soul**,
  - and with all your **mind** .....
  
- **This is the first and greatest  
commandment ...**

# **When you Love the Lord Your God:**

- Spend time with Him**
- Get to know and familiarize yourself with Him**
- Read His word**
- Listen to His Word**
- Let Him embrace you .. physical touch**
- Obey Him**
- Build His Kingdom**
- Let His light shine in you**
- Enact Him in all you say and do.**
- You receive and use His gifts**
- You are different ... to the way you used to be!**

# ***You are NOT keeping the first commandment, if:-***

- 1. **Neglecting prayer (two-way communication)** with the one who made and cares for you, and whom you will spend eternity with.
- 2. **Opposing religions (no before and after life, no beyond, no spiritual existence) and beliefs of any kind, behave as if we have it all within ourselves!**
- 3. **Worshipping idols, false religions, or spending most of your time in material worldly interests , (like sport, TV, etc). Power and authority attributed to statues and ornaments, pictures and medals.**
- 4. **Being Christian but not attributing it God's way:-** Denominations separation, structure for authority sake, Replacement theory (In and thru Israel).
- 5. **Superstitions incl. horoscopes, belief and acting within things other than Yahweh and His son Jesus.**
- 6. **Telling or receiving fortunes about what is to come**
- 7. **Invoking spirits other than Yahweh and His Son Jesus .. Water, mountains, sea, sky**
- 8. **Making vows and promises with other than God**

**And the second most important commandment in Jesus reply is :  
“Love your neighbor as yourself”**

- [John 13: 34-35](#)
- “A new command I give you:
- Love one another.
- As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>
- By this **everyone will know** that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

# Jesus talks a lot on loving one another: Here He expounds His new commandment

- **Matthew 22:22**
- “**BUT I SAY UNTO YOU**, that whosoever is angry (“anger, with the desire of some sort of revenge, upset, planning revenge”) with his brother or sister without a cause
- shall be in danger of the **judgment**:
- and whosoever shall say to his brother or sister, Raca (An Aramaic word meaning “an empty, vain worthless fellow”, an idiot, a dickhead, not worth anything, stupid, name tag) shall be in danger of standing before the **formal council or law court**):
- but whosoever shall say (to another), “You fool”,
- shall be in danger of **hell fire**.”

# Consider what Jesus says in the next two verses in Matthew:

- **Verse 23:**
- “Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there **remember that your brother or sister has something against you;** (owes you something, anything at all (physical, emotional or spiritual))
- **Verse 24:**
- “Leave there your gift (to God) before the altar and go your way;
- **first be reconciled** (“to change one’s own feelings towards another, so that he changes his;
- to be reconciled to each other”) **to your brother or sister,**
- **and only THEN come and offer your gift (to Me) .”**

# Consider what verses 23 & 24 mean

**Being right with one another is more important to God than any gifts we give to Him.**

Have you returned all goods  
Repaid all services  
Repaid all loans  
Do you have unrepentance

**If we are not right with one another, we are not right with God.**

Have you forgiven everyone  
Judgments and unforgiveness and curses  
Do you talk about, criticize or judge anyone  
Have you always kept your promises  
Are you preventing anyone's progress

**If we do not love one another, we do not love God how we should.  
.... Its not record-keeping, its relational**

# More: re loving one another

- [Matthew 5:29](#)
- **If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.**
  - **Who or what are you looking at?**
  - **Why are you looking?**
  - **What is the end result of your sight**
  - **Is your sight “God seeking?”**
- **For it is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell**

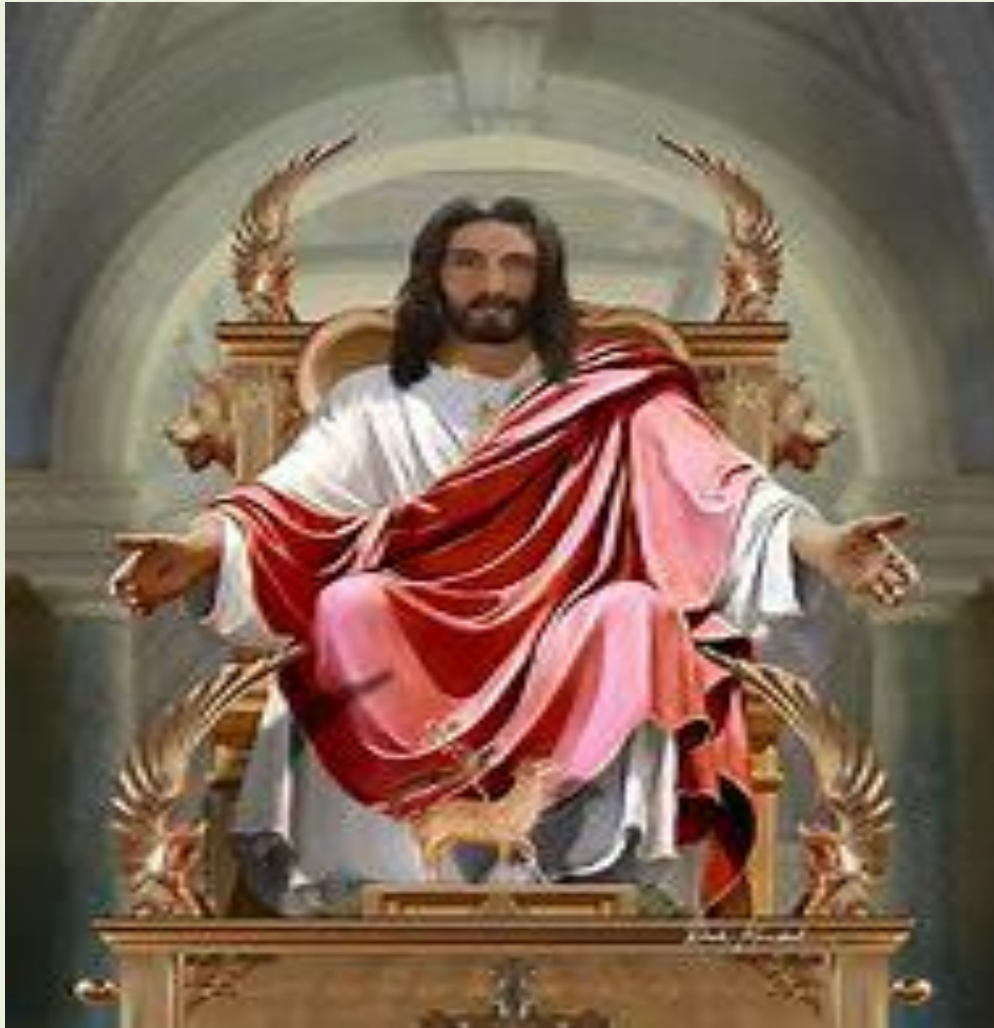
**He died on the cross for you and for  
me**



**Jesus ascended into heaven after His death; He is returning to us again, like this**



**Jesus seated on His throne, ruling and reigning with and for us**



# The Gospel of Jesus Christ tells of what the Saviour did and does for each one of us ... you and for me.

- It also tells **how to accept** the Saviour so that we can be saved ([Hebrews 5:8-9](#)):-
- We must **believe** in Him ([John 8:24](#)).
- We must **repent** of all our sins ([Luke 13:3](#)).
- We must **confess** our faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God ([Matthew 10:32-33](#); [Acts 8:37](#)).
- We must be **baptized** so that our sins will be washed away ([Mark 16:15-16](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [Romans 6:4](#)).