

³⁴But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

³⁷Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

**³⁸This is the first and great commandment.
³⁹And the second is like it: 'You shall love
your neighbor as yourself.'
⁴⁰On these two
commandments hang all the Law and the
Prophets."**

⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

²⁹Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.

³¹ And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

³²So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

³³And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

²⁷So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

Shema = "hear"

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

v. 4- "The Lord our God, the Lord is one":

- The word "one" is the Hebrew word echad, which speaks to the compound unity, indicating many parts but yet one.**
- Instead of using "yacheed", which points to the absolute unity or singularity of the word "one".**

We see this same word "one" (echad) used in Genesis 2:24

...the two shall become one (echad) flesh.

v.8 - Frontlets:

PHYLACTERY (φυλακτήριον, phylaktērion).
Prayer boxes that Jewish men wear on their foreheads or left forearms as a devotional aid during statutory times for prayer.



“Love the Lord your God” is found in scripture 14 times.

9 times in Deuteronomy

2 times in Joshua

1 time in Matthew

1 time in Mark

1 time in Luke

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁰As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

**¹²They have all turned aside;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one."**

²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

²³Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

**¹³I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me.**

**⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.**

**⁸It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.**

**⁹It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.**



¹Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**⁵His mother said to the servants, “Whatever
He says to you, do it.”**

- **WE ARE SAVED**
- **WE ARE SERVANTS (of the Lord)**
- **WE ARE SANCTIFIED** "to be set apart for special use or purpose", that is, to make holy or sacred.

- **Heart:** This refers to the center of our spiritual response or activity. It is the home for one's personal inventory of emotions and intent, our internalized beliefs, ideas and desires.
- **Soul:** This refers to your life. A whole person with consciousness and emotions.
- **Mind:** Your disposition or the place where thoughts and decisions and reflections come from.

“The body of the believer would be the temple of the living God and the human heart would be the home of Jesus Christ. It is difficult for me to think of a higher privilege than to make Christ a home in my heart, to welcome, to serve, to please, to fellowship with him there.”

²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears *My* voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with *Me*.

⁸Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**