

without which our service is absolutely worthless. To love the unlovely, Because it is God's desire that we should so do.

There are, then, these two vital aspects of this commandment. That we should love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, we can't think about it too much, we can't pray about it too much, we cannot give it too great a place in our life and in our activity. But this second, which is very difficult, ~~it is~~ not ~~difficult~~ <sup>simply</sup> to love people that are kind to us, not simply to love the people that naturally attract us, not simply to love those that seem to us to have a lot of the Christian graces, but to love all the brethren. To love every one who is born again through the Lord Jesus Christ, and who is <sup>a</sup> fellow member of the Kingdom of Christ. This is the second part of this matter of love, and it is very, very vital to love the brethren, and to feel that, even if they do think they can't understand, take attitudes toward you that you don't like, they do things that seem utterly disgusting to you, but if they belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, you may have to oppose them, you may have to resist what they do at times, you may have to show them in error, but it should be done with a heart and with an attitude of true love, of a love for them because they are the ones for whom Christ died, and with a desire to help them and serve Him to the utmost.

Now there is a third part, a fairly small one. As Jesus gave it originally, there were the two commands, "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy <sup>strength</sup> ~~xxx~~ and with all thy mind" and the second command "love thy neighbor as thyself". And they asked Him, who is my neighbor. And He gave the story of the good Samaritan, and the Samaritan did this for the Jew. A man he didn't even know, a man who belonged to another group from himself, a man who was not his brother, that was an example given of love to the neighbor, and love to the neighbor certainly involves to the utmost, love to those who are of the household of Christ. But it also involves a love for those who are outside. And if we do not have that we are as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.