

Suggested memory verses

Psalm 119:165 (NKJV)

165 Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

3 You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 32:17 (NKJV)

17 The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Two groups are described as representing the Thyatira church.

Those who were faithful and progressing.

Those who were compromising.

Thyatira

God defines Love

▼ 1. Fellowship and volitional thought: = Intelligence

▼ d. Textus Resephus [TR]

Revelation 2:18-29 (NKJV)

18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.
21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.
22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.
23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.
24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.
25 But hold fast what you have till I come.

26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron'; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels— as I also have received from My Father.

28 and I will give him the morning star.

29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

I. Love:

Love for God is not just some sort of **VACUOUS** emotion to God, it is based on thought.

Critics of Christianity say, "You just have to put your brain in neutral and accept all that stuff."

And many Christians take a similar approach.

But it's the exact opposite.

If you understand biblical Christianity it is the most thoughtful, the most intellectual of disciplines.

You have to think, you have to know, you have to study in order to love God.

It is not just sitting around and singing, O how I love Jesus, I surrender all, Rule over my soul, Pass me not oh gentle spirit.

It is entering into an understanding of His thinking which is expressed in the Word of God.

II. Patterns in Scripture demonstrating the progression of Revelation 2:19

Matthew 22:36-39 (NKJV)

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"
37 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind,'
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (NKJV)

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

Old Testament Examples

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV)

9 **KNOW** therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (NIV)

12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
13 and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today **for your own good?**

Deuteronomy 11:1 (NIV)

1 Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

Repeated in the New Testament:

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.
31 The second is this: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**" There is no commandment greater than these."

Romans 13:9 (NIV)

9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**"

Galatians 5:14 (NIV)

14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**"

James 2:8 (NIV)

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "**Love your neighbor as yourself,**" you are doing right.

A new and superior standard for love:

John 13:34 (NIV)

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you,** so you must love one another.

Majority text and the older MSS

ABRUPT SHIFT

Revelation 2:20 (LEB)

20 **But I have against you** that you **tolerate** the woman Jezebel, the one who calls herself a prophetess, and teaches and deceives my slaves to commit sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

@ VPA/LS verb, present, active, indicative, first person, singular

Patience/endurance

is necessary for further spiritual growth

James 1:3-4 (NKJV)

3 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

4 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

5 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Adjective: vacuous

| va-kyoo-us |

Showing a lack of intelligence or thought; stupid and silly - It was in this last category that the vacuous comments began

= ashine, fatuous, inane, mindless

= daft, dumb, foolish, stupid

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