

**Matthew 22:36-40**

Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important? He told him, "You are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. This is the greatest and most important mitzvah. And a second is similar to it, You are to love your neighbor as yourself. All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot."

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**Rav Shaul, The Emissary**

**Romans 9:1-3**

I am speaking the truth - as one who belongs to the Messiah, I do not lie; and also bearing witness is my conscience, governed by the Ruach HaKodesh: my grief is so great, the pain in my heart so constant, that I could wish myself actually under God's curse and separated from the Messiah, if it would help my brothers, my own flesh and blood...

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**Stephen, The Martyr**

**Acts 7:51-56**

"Stiffnecked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You continually oppose the Ruach HaKodesh! You do the same things your fathers did! Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who told in advance about the coming of the Tzaddik, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers! - you! - who receive the Torah as having been delivered by angels - but do not keep it!" On hearing these things, they were cut to their hearts and ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Ruach HaKodesh, looked up to heaven and saw God's Sh'khinah, with Yeshua standing at the right hand of God. "Look!" he exclaimed, "I see heaven opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

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## Stephen, The Martyr

Acts 7:57-60

At this, they began yelling at the top of their voices, so that they wouldn't have to hear him; and with one accord, they rushed at him, threw him outside the city and began stoning him. And the witnesses laid down their coats at the feet of a young man named Sha'ul. As they were stoning him, Stephen called out to God, "Lord Yeshua! Receive my spirit!" Then he kneeled down and shouted out, "Lord! Don't hold this sin against them!" With that, he died...

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Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still helpless, at the right time, the Messiah died on behalf of ungodly people. Now it is a rare event when someone gives up his life even for the sake of somebody **righteous**, although possibly for a truly **good** person one might have the courage to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in that the Messiah died on our behalf while we were still sinners.

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## Righteous Man

δικαιος

Dik-ah-yos

Upright, virtuous, of those who pride themselves on being righteous

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**Good Man**  
αγαθος  
**Ag-ath-os**  
Pleasant, agreeable, kind

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**John 13:34-35**  
"I am giving you a **new** command: that you keep on loving each other. In the same way that I have loved you, you are also to keep on loving each other. Everyone will know that you are my talmidim by the fact that you have love for each other."

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**New**  
καινος  
**Kahee-nos**  
Fresh, unheard of

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**Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14 (CJB)**

So if you were raised along with the Messiah, then seek the things above, where the Messiah is sitting at the right hand of God. Focus your minds on the things above, not on things here on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with the Messiah in God. When the Messiah, who is our life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory!

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with feelings of compassion and with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; if anyone has a complaint against someone else, forgive him. Indeed, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. Above all these, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together perfectly...

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**Colossians 3:12-14 (NLT)**

Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony.

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**Colossians 3:14 (MSG)**

And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

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