

Study Guide: *Death, Life, Love, Pt 3: Undivided*

Based upon Mark 12:28-34

1. "If we are following Jesus with a cross on our shoulder, there is only one place to which we are going: a place of \_\_\_\_\_....Our 'cross' then, is not an irritable husband or cantankerous wife. It is instead the symbol of death to \_\_\_\_\_....'To deny oneself is . . . to turn away from the idolatry of self-centeredness'" (John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*).
2. Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'" (Mark 12:29-30).
3. All your heart. All your soul. All your mind. All your strength. All is repeated 4 times. All means all. It means \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "Jewish rabbis counted \_\_\_\_\_ commandments in the first five books of the OT—248 positive commandments and 365 prohibitions. To capture the essence of a rabbi's thinking, an inquirer would pose a question such as the scribe asked Jesus" (*Andrews Study Bible Notes* p. 1316).
5. "He calls His disciples to a \_\_\_\_\_ religion: the heart and soul (emotional), the mind (intellectual), the strength (physical)" (*Andrews Study Bible Notes*, p. 1316).
6. Mark 12:31: "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
7. "Both these commandments are an expression of the principle of love. The first cannot be kept and the second broken, nor can the second be kept while the first is broken. When God has His rightful place on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart, the right place will be given to our neighbor. We shall love him as ourselves. And only as we love God supremely is it possible to love our neighbor impartially. (Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, 607).
8. "Love is the basis of godliness. Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has unselfish love for his brother. But we can never come into possession of this spirit by trying to love others. What is needed is the love of Christ in the heart. When self is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly

from within—when the sunshine of heaven fills the heart and is revealed in the countenance.

“It is not possible for the heart in which Christ abides to be destitute of love. If we love God because He first loved us, we shall love \_\_\_\_\_ for whom Christ died.” (Ellen G. White, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 384-385).

Answers: crucifixion, self, love, undivided, 613, holistic,  
neighbor, throne, merged, Christ, all