

**December 30, 2018**

**Sermon Title: *Three Simple Rules***

**Primary Scripture:  
Mark 12:29-31 (ESV)**

**<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup>And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”**

**1) Do No HARM**

**Galatians 5:15 (ESV) <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.**

**Ephesians 4:31-32 (ESV) <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

**2) Do GOOD**

**3 John 11b (ESV) <sup>11b</sup>Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.**

**Acts 10:36b-38 (ESV) <sup>36b</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.**

**Luke 6:27-28 (ESV) <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.**

**3) Stay in LOVE with God.**

**Psalms 105:4 (ESV) <sup>4</sup>Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

**John 21:15-17 (ESV) <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.**

**Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV) <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

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