

JOY ETERNAL GOD EXALTED MARK 12:28-31

Eternal God exalted
Above both time and space;
You hold my life completely,
A trophy of Your grace.
Both time and space a canvas,
You craft all history
To show Your grace and power
Through all eternity.

You knew before creation
My birth and life and death;
In mercy and in kindness
You give me every breath.
You're everywhere in fullness,
Wherever I may go;
And all my days and moments
At once you always know.

Each day Your Word sustains me,
Your Spirit guides and leads;
You never will forsake me,
Your grace is all I need.
For time is but a teacher,
A patient means of grace
That I might learn to trust You,
And ever seek Your face.

I need not fear the future
For You're already there;
And in the past You've brought me
Through every trial and care.
In every present moment
You faithfully are near;
So help me now to trust You,
And cast away all fear.

O Father, guide and keep us,
And bless in this new year.

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²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard [Jesus] debating [with the Saducees]. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, [the teacher of the law] asked [Jesus], "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 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."

LOVE THE LORD

VERSE:

Love the Lord, your God
With all your heart,
And with all your soul,
And with all your mind,
And with all your strength,
And love your neighbor as yourself.

CHORUS:

There is no command greater—
There is no command greater—
There is no command greater
than these.

Brothers and sisters—

CLOSING:

Love the Lord, your God!
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Love the Lord, your God!

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WHAT THE CHURCH IS FOR

Who will pierce the dark with light?
Who will turn from wrong to right?
Who will love and say what's true?
Can the broken be made new?
Oh who will go
God's power to show –
Living grace that the world may know!

*That's what the church is for—
To declare the glory of the Lord.*

*That's what the church is for,
Shining all we can, and even more,*

*That's what the church—
That's what the church is for.*

There are hungry mouths to feed.
There are lost to find and lead.
We have such good news to tell.
We have neighbors – love them well,
Oh who will be
His hands and feet
Who will go to a world in need?

*That's what the church is for—
To declare the glory of the Lord.*

*That's what the church is for,
Loving all we can, and even more,*

*That's what the church—
That's what the church is for.*

BRIDGE:

Good neighbors, sharing God's grace!
Good neighbors, seeking his face!
Good neighbors, eyes opened wide to see,
All the neighbors-to-be.

To the outcast, be a friend.
Bring injustice to an end.
Let the blessings now increase.
Be an instrument of peace.
So much to do—
Good works, it's true!
God has purposed for me and you!
*That's what the church is for—
To declare the glory of the Lord.
That's what the church is for,
Serving all we can, and even more,
That's what the church—
That's what the church is for.*

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