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Statzer, James served as pastor of Kings Road Baptist Church, Jacksonville, 1979-1981 and Norwood Baptist Church.



PASTORS SERVED AT KINGS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH (Jacksonville)

Rev. John Stallings	-1944
Rev. Dwight Stalling	-1944
Rev. C.C. Matthew	1944-1954
Rev. R.C. Floyd	1954-1958
Rev. Floyd Thomas	1958-1961
Rev. C.L. Roberson	1961-1974
Rev. C.S. McGraw	1974-1976
Rev. Billy Turner	1977-1978
Rev. Melvin J. Schemer	1978-1979
Rev. James Statzer	1979-1981
Rev. C.J. Sharron	1981-1983
Rev. Carl Hadley	1983-1987
Rev. John Anglin	1988-1989
Rev. Lee Whitaker	1989-Present

RELIGION FORUM

How do we love God with all our heart, soul, strength?

When Jesus was asked, in Luke 10, what a person needed to do to inherit the Kingdom of God, he asked, "What is written in the Law?"

His questioner replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus explained what it meant to love your neighbor by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan. But he did not explain then the first part of this summary of the Law.

fills us, for the Bible says, "God is love."

Sister Lucille Clynes, Daughters of Wisdom, coordinator for formation for the Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine.

When I hear the above mentioned scripture quote, I experience it as an invitation to

Obedience to the Lord is evidence that we love the Lord. How does a person grow in his love for the Lord and strengthen his love for the Lord? We begin loving the Lord because of what the Lord does for us. If we grow in our love for the Lord, we grow to the place that we love the Lord for himself. How does a person grow in that love?

It was when I learned to be thankful and

The Rev. James Statzer, Norwood Baptist Church.

I believe to love the Lord with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind means that God must be the first love of every area of our lives, the most important aspect of our lives, the first priority of our total being, mind, body and spirit.



Our love for God must be greater than and come before family, friends, possessions and positions. Our love for God must be greater than the love, the interest, the will, the goals and the priorities for and in our own lives. This love for God must go far beyond all natural humanistic love. It must be the *agape* love of God himself that has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which he has given us (Romans 5:5 NIV).

This new love of, for and from God can only be realized in us after we have personally accepted and made Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior of our lives and become the sons of God by a personal new faith experience according to John 1:12, 13, which states, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Also 1st John 5:1,2, which states, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." It is not easy to love the Lord this much. In fact, humanly speaking, it is impossible, but if we are truly born again, God lives in us and his love

