

Deacon's Beacons

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And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37–39

Jesus tells us the greatest commandment. Remember that there are 613 commandments in Jewish Law. But the first is the love of God. It is so important that it is considered to be the "Creed" of Judaism. It is called the "Great Sh'ma, taken from the first words of the line in Deuteronomy 6:4 and following (in Hebrew). But Jesus does not stop there. He also says that there is a second commandment to love our neighbors. It really does follow that you cannot be capable of loving God whom you cannot see if you cannot love the neighbor that you can see.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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