



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 044 - What'd You Say about My God? Deuteronomy 6:4

The Egyptians and Israel's neighbors in Canaan worshipped many gods. But they also believed in the existence of Israel's God, and they greatly feared His power. But Moses commanded the Israelites not to return the favor. Yahweh was the only true God.

The Christian Church found the same experience in the Roman Empire. The Roman government had no trouble with the Jews or Christians worshipping their God. Their problem came when Christians refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods.

Many people think the same way today. They say Christians are free to believe what they wish to believe, but they shouldn't impose their beliefs on anyone else.

- How can we witness that a person can only be saved through Jesus Christ in a world that rejects exclusive claims to salvation?
- When people refuse to accept the Bible's authority, how might telling our faith story help overcome their objections?

Moses told the Israelites there is only one God, and they were to love the LORD their God with all their heart, their soul, and their strength. But this wholehearted love was a response to the wholehearted love God had first shown them as He freed them from slavery in Egypt and provided for them throughout their years in the wilderness.

We see this unlimited love of God in His Son Jesus Christ who gave His all for us.

- What events from Jesus' life demonstrate that total love most clearly to you?

In gratitude for our Savior's love, we are to love our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. But that doesn't mean we neglect the people God has brought into our lives. We love and serve Him as we love and serve one another.

- Describe some things you do that don't actually *feel* like service to God.
- What are some ways you are actually serving God at these times?
- When you do things just for yourself, how are you still serving God?