

EVER WONDER WHY?— 5 DOES GOD LOVE ME?

10:00 am ***5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -**

10:05 am **LIVE SHOT – ** Worship –**

**WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform – 1st time
... come in as a guest But you leave as family...**

**Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in
the HEART of Peekskill.**

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

***Online Connect Card * RightNow Media**

**Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small
Group Thu: Bible Study / Fri: Advanced Prayer Meeting Sat: Men's
Fellowship**

Prayers for 1st Responders. PVAC - PD - FireFighters -

International Crisis Response Team.

LAST WEEK: CHURCH @ The Park!!

Baptisms!!

some highlights of today's Baptism



SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 10th TRUE NORTH YOUTH RANCH





10:30 AM ****Announcements Video - Tithing**

10:33 AM ****VIDEO “Ever Wonder Why?”**



READ as if it was for the 1st time.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son*
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 (Stand)

For years—God loved the world!—Not sure he really loved ME!

Relate—How could God love me?
After what I've done—Said—Thoughts I've thought

DOES GOD LOVE ME?

Opening Prayer

Look @ Neighbor (U are the one J loves)

Now look at your OTHER neighbor the one you didnt choose 1st.... tell them Jesus loves you TOO>>>

If you aren't sure of God's love for you
Likely because you are thinking of ... *The wrong kind of love.*

Several types of love—Talk about 2 for sake of this msg.

1. A love that loves ... because the object is valuable.

Most common type of love—You know this type well.

- Shoes, purse, outfit— cause the fit is tight...
- Collection. Car—Heated seats!

Love that loves... because the object is valuable.

My problem—Never felt valuable—Never measured to my own expectations / God.

A love that loves ... because the object is valuable.

Another kind of love...

- 1. A love that loves ... because the object is valuable.**
- 2. A love that loves ... and gives value to the object.**

Explain—Take a moment—Think your favorite childhood
CUDDLE toy.
Stuffed Animal—Doll—Blanket

Mine was a small Teddy bear w/ a white Navel Shirt. Wore a Captain's Cap - TREBOR



Bet it wasn't perfect—Chances are—Flawed—Hole, Tear, Smell.
You still loved your toy!

Nothing valuable about my bear.

Wasn't expensive—Not collector's item—Didn't do any tricks!

Picked it up at Mystic Seaport w/ My Aunt Elaine

Valuable to me—Not because of how he looks!

Not because of what someone else thinks about him.

I love my bear because ... He is MY bear!

I've told him my deepest secrets, shared my heart, carried him everywhere i went, he went. I loved that bear

This is how God loves us!

We are rag dolls! Flawed. Wounded. Broken.

Nothing hidden from God. He knows about all your flaws.

Scars on the outside. Stuff inside you keep hidden!

You are a rag doll. But you're God's rag doll!

⁸ *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

God loves you w/ an unconditional immeasurable love.

- Kind love that doesn't look for what's worthy in object,
- Kind of love that gives worth & value to the object!

God doesn't love you because you're worthy.

- **God's love makes you worthy.**
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⁸ ...God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:8b-10

Powerful verse—Way more powerful know who wrote it.

Who wrote 1 John? John! (Not Baptist, Disciple)

James & bro John— Not disciple material

Brash, rough, loud, cussed—Fishermen—>With a reputation!

Not known as—2 Gentle Lambs—Bible brothers!

Known as Sons of Thunder! (Harleys/Leather vests coolest)

Not sure why—*Only imagine what it took earn that title.*

Glimpse in Luke 9—Luke tells us that people didn't welcome J.

Sons of Thunder—Didn't say—*Invite Small Group* (Monday, wednesday, thursday 7pm) —*Love them anyway.*

⁵⁴ *When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"*

Luke 9:54

Whole life—John—Didn't just start fights—Finished them.
This is the Dad kicked out kids' games—One who always found
trouble!

Then John started spending time w/ Jesus.
Every moment of every day—even though he couldn't do anything
to earn the LOVE of Jesus, no way to deserve the Love of Jesus
... loved ... JESUS simply LOVED John.

Don't know exactly when—Probably took some time.
lil by lil, John's identity started to change. How do we Know?
Because John started calling himself by a different name.

3X in his gospel—“**One that Jesus loved.**”

No longer Son of Thunder. No longer John “the hothead”
John the “screw up.”

John, the “**One that Jesus loved.**”

No matter what your parents said—How friends made you feel

Where you fell short—What you thought—Said—Did!

You are the one Jesus loves!

Say, *“I am the One Jesus loves.”*

Not a statement of pride—Statement of truth.

God didn't shout his love from heaven—Showed his love. (Nativity)

The virgin Mary gave to birth to a Son—They called him Jesus
Because he will save his people from their sins!

Sins—Missing mark—Feel unworthy of God's love!
Tell you about a God loves w/ different kind of love. (Bear)

Not a love that loves Because the object is valuable.
But a love that loves Gives value to the One it loves.

I pray you will be convinced...

³⁸ ...that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 8:38-39

Those of you who are part of our e-family... although you may be far from us.... He is close to you.

Right there where you are... Ask Him to come into your heart. Ask Him to be the garment you put on today. Ask Him to forgive your sins. To help mortify this carnal nature to put on His spiritual One.

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK Starting a NEW SERMON SERIES

Tell your friends!!!

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!