

- John 3:16 (NLT) — 16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

#### What Manner of Love

- 1 John 3:1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!
- 1 John 3:1 (KJV 1900) — 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, ...
- 1 John 3:1 ...he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

#### Law and Love – What Manner of Love - Real love

- Lawless Love
  - Appears as loving acceptance, non-confrontive
  - No boundaries, no discipline – same as hate
  - Proverbs 13:24 (NLT) — 24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.
- Loveless Law
  - Do the right thing
  - John 8:4–5 ...”The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”
- Real love
  - John 8:7–11
  - I don’t condemn you
  - Go and sin no more

#### Love Fulfills the Law

- Romans 13:8–10 ... 10 Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God’s law.
- Galatians 5:14 (NLT) — 14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

#### What Manner of Love the Father has given us

- Love-filled Law – God’s approach to our salvation
- Ephesians 2:1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.
- Requirements of the Law

- Death of an innocent man
- Blood shed – without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness
- Leviticus 17:11 ... It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.
- Hebrews 9:22 ...For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.
- But God is not satisfying the law out of obligation
  - Not – “I gave them a choice - result, they chose to sin.”
  - Not – “I am obligated to make it right”
- 1 John 4:9–10
  - Real love is shown through sacrifice
- What Manner of Love We Have
  - Not lawless love
  - Not loveless law, but...
- Love-filled law – Sacrifice
- Husbands and wives – Ephesians 5, 1 Peter 3
  - Submit to one another
  - Wives – submit to husbands as unto Christ – accept husband’s authority
  - Husbands – love as Christ loved – gave himself up for her – honor her - live with her in an understanding way
- Parents/Children
  - Discipline - Hebrews 12:10 ...But God’s discipline is always good for us
  - 2 Corinthians 5:9 ...our goal is to please him.
  - Ephesians 6:1–3 (NLT) — 1 Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.
  - Real Love – teaches children – the real love of Surrender
- Loveless Law – do what I am obligated to do because it is right
- Lawless Love – appearance of obedience while doing what I can without getting caught
- Matthew 21:28–32 ... “Which of the two obeyed his father?”
- Love-filled law – obedience and self-sacrifice because we want to serve and please.
- Christmas
  - Behold, what manner of love
  - Sacrificial love – no greater love – lays down his life
  - John 15:13 There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.