

**Date:** August 20th 2017

**Scripture:** 1 John 4:9-10

**Message title:** This is LOVE!

**Intro:** SONG- Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so...

Does the bible really say that? YES it does!!

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. **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 4:9-10 NIV)

Our soul is wired in such a way that it looks for LOVE, and is on a life long mission until it finds it.

The problem is, we look for love in all the wrong places. Our world is saturated with the **LOVE LIE!** We have nouns (persons, places, or things) that pretend to fulfill our souls need for LOVE. (temporary)

Google search: Where can I find LOVE? 536 million results in .99 seconds. (5 dating sites to find love. i.e. - TINDER, Finding love over 40, find your love in a heartbeat, Real lasting love -TINY BUDDA, 10 steps on finding love.

Google search: Where can I find God? 32 million results in .84 seconds. (mormon.org, 5 ways to find God-huffpost, 13 steps to God-wikihow)

**Search no longer!** Today my goal is to let you know that God loves you, so much that He sent His ONLY Son to die for you!

My life of endless searching...Lutheran church, rebellion, drugs, partying, hobbies (surfing) traveling...I was searching!!!

God showed His love to me! My soul had been searching for a noun (persons, places, things) when what my soul really needed was a **VERB!** GOD IS LOVE!!

**Vs.** This is how God showed (manifested) His love...

- *Manifested-* God made it known. He could have told the angels proclaim the message of love to the earth. He Could have Written in the sky.
- In other words, God spoke our language. He came to this earth, and put on SKIN. Emmanuel, God with us! Born of the virgin marry He lived a sinless life, and then died a perfect death, to send a message to the earth..."I LOVE YOU." **Esther story on stage.**
- **JESUS LOVES YOU!** This is the message that God sent. It wasn't a message in a bottle, a instant message on FB, a text message, it was a GOD message! It is the eternal message and the message that your soul has been searching for!

GOD sent a message! **Vs.** He sent His One and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

**Where can I find love?**

1) Love comes from God, and love leads to God.

- God is LOVE! This REAL LOVE, started with God. He is the genesis of this extravagant love. He is the originator and creator of this LOVE!
- This love is: perfect, never fails, always changes the person, is a VERB, this love did something!
- Every other kind of "LOVE" in our world a mutated version of God's love. It is not authentic, and it will never satisfy!
- Love leads us to God: When we catch a glimpse of God's love for us (truth), it begins to lead me toward Him.

- Many times this is going to be through the kindness of other Christ followers, who live out the LOVE of God in our world. Our church does that!!

## 2) God's love is our remedy for SIN and SEPARATION.

- From the beginning of time, man made a choice to rebel against God. Once the choice was made, communion with God was broken. We were separated.
- Since that one choice, every person born in this world, is born into SIN. We are ALL infected with a sin sickness. ex: a baby
- **Listen!! The only remedy or antidote from the venom of SIN, is the LOVE of God!**
- "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." (Mark 2:17 NLT)
- "You don't know what I have done!" God doesn't tell us to get healthy and then come to Him, He says come sick, weak, searching, questioning, broken, and I will give you LIFE!! I will make you strong, I will help you walk, I will heal your heart and breathe purpose and LIFE onto your soul!
- God's LOVE is your remedy! **RUN to Him!!** He is here!! He loves you and He is for you! He is the way, truth and life!!

**VS-This is love:** not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- The death of Jesus was not by accident, it was by appointment! He didn't die as a weak martyr, but as a mighty conqueror. He remedied SIN and death, once for ALL...FOR ALL, with His blood on the cross!
- Luke 4:16-21

- Jesus was the fulfillment to the prophecy in Isaiah chapter 61 and He is also the fulfillment right now for your searching soul.

### 3) God's love is the fulfillment of man's searching soul.

- Nothing else in this world will satisfy like the Love of God! Taste and see that the Lord is good...

Jesus is LOVE!! This is God's perfect unfailing LOVE!!

Two of the most important days in your life, are the day that you were born and the day that you realize why. For some, **Today is the day that you realize why...**

### This is love... **WORSHIP**

- God's Son set to bring the revelation of what God is like. He speaks our language.
- complete forgiveness of sins.
- purpose and life abundantly.
- It doesn't matter what you have been labeled and called in your life, He says, "I love you!"
- sees right where you are at! financial, relationships, direction in life, pain through the lose of a marriage, a child, or family member.
- This love drives out FEAR, insecurity, past failures and mistakes.
- This love brings peace in the middle of the storm, and comfort in the Chaos!
- This love brings companionship in the middle of loneliness.
- This love brings victory when this world tries to defeat you!
- This love removes strongholds that have hindered you from going forward. He wants you to move from a stronghold to His strong Hold!
- This love overcomes all doubts, and floods you with faith!
- This love will deliver you from all your affliction!
- This love brings rest for your soul!
- This love brings restoration to the years that the enemy has taken!

- This love will bring renewed revival to your complacent heart, and set you on FIRE
  - This love will give you a NEW SONG!! Grace unending Grace!
  - This love will right, every wrong!
  - This love hears the cry of your crippled soul! Every thought, every emotion, every desire of your heart, He know completely. He has not forgotten about you! "I will call upon the Lord, for He hears my cry for mercy!"
  - This love brings a miracle in the middle of mess!
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- This love...This LOVE is the **LOVE that SAVES!!!**
  - This love is here and available and will fulfill your searching soul!

Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. I came so that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:9-10)

You can't experience abundant life if you have not received God's perfect gift of abundant LOVE...Jesus Christ!

**Close:** - respond to Gods love.

### 1) Admit your a sinner

- One sin makes you guilty.
- "I am not as bad as some people." God doesn't grade on a curve...He grades on the cross.
- Good people don't go to heaven forgiven people go to heaven.

### 2) Repent of your sin.

- Not "I am sorry," but real authentic repentance.
- Repentance: Confession, contrition, change.
- Repent and times of refreshment will come from the LORD.
- No one else can do this for you! You need your own faith in God.

### 3) Do it now!

- Today is the day of salvation!
- We are not promised another breathe!
- August 20th 2017 can be your spiritual birthday!

Prayer for salvation

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