LOVE IS LOVE



THE LOVE THAT GOD REQUIRES IS THE LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVES US.

- 1. God's Standard of Love (Vs. 11-16)
- 2. God's Results of Love (Vs. 17-21)

BONUS TRUTH #1 GOD IS LOVE

1 JOHN 4:9

BY THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED IN US, THAT GOD HAS SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.

1 JOHN 4:10

IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

ROMANS 5:8.

BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

ROMANS 1:19-20

¹⁹ BECAUSE THAT WHICH IS KNOWN ABOUT GOD IS EVIDENT WITHIN THEM; FOR GOD MADE IT EVIDENT TO THEM. ²⁰ FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD HIS INVISIBLE ATTRIBUTES, HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE, HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD THROUGH WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE.

ISAIAH 53:6

ALL OF US LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY, EACH OF US HAS TURNED TO HIS OWN WAY; BUT THE LORD HAS CAUSED THE INIQUITY OF US ALL TO FALL ON HIM.

ROMANS 1:18

FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

ROMANS 1:32

AND ALTHOUGH THEY KNOW THE ORDINANCE OF GOD, THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS ARE WORTHY OF DEATH, THEY NOT ONLY DO THE SAME, BUT ALSO GIVE HEARTY APPROVAL TO THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEM.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

¹ But realize this, that in the last days difficult times WILL COME. ² FOR MEN WILL BE LOVERS OF SELF, LOVERS OF MONEY, BOASTFUL, ARROGANT, REVILERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNGRATEFUL, UNHOLY, 3 UNLOVING, IRRECONCILABLE, MALICIOUS GOSSIPS, WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL, BRUTAL, HATERS OF GOOD, 4 TREACHEROUS, RECKLESS, CONCEITED, LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD, ⁵ HOLDING TO A FORM OF GODLINESS, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE DENIED ITS POWER; AVOID SUCH MEN AS THESE. 6 FOR AMONG THEM ARE THOSE WHO ENTER INTO HOUSEHOLDS AND CAPTIVATE WEAK WOMEN WEIGHED DOWN WITH SINS, LED ON BY VARIOUS IMPULSES, 7 ALWAYS LEARNING AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

ROMANS 1:32

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Truth #1 – God commands us to love others as he as loved us.

1 JOHN 4:11

BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Truth #2 – God's Love working through us is a testimony to His Love working in us

1 JOHN 4:12

No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

HEBREWS 5:8-9

⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

TRUTH #3 – BECAUSE GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS SPIRIT, WE WILL ABIDE IN HIM

1 JOHN 4:13

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

Truth #4 – Christ is the Savoir of the Whole world

1 JOHN 4:14

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world

TRUTH #5 – SALVATION COMES TO ANYONE THAT CONFESSES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

1 JOHN 4:15

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

Truth #6 – God gives us Himself when we come to faith in Him (v. 16)

LOVING AS GOD LOVES

1 JOHN 4:16

WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND HAVE BELIEVED THE LOVE WHICH GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND THE ONE WHO ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.

ROMANS 3:17-19

17 SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE, 18 MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHAT IS THE BREADTH AND LENGTH AND HEIGHT AND DEPTH, ¹⁹ AND TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST WHICH SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE, THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED UP TO ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

TRUTH #7 – GOD'S LOVE FREES US FROM FEAR (V. 17) BECAUSE TRUTH #8 – GOD'S LOVE IS PERMANENT (V. 18)

LOVING AS GOD LOVES

1 JOHN 4:17-18

¹⁷ By this, love is perfected with us, so that WE MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT; BECAUSE AS HE IS, SO ALSO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD 18 THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE; BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR, BECAUSE FEAR INVOLVES PUNISHMENT, AND THE ONE WHO FEARS IS NOT PERFECTED IN LOVE.

ROMANS 8:1-2

¹ Therefore there is now no Condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free FROM the Law of Sin and of Death.

JOHN 8:36

SO IF THE SON MAKES YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED

Truth #9 – God's Love fills us with love for others (v. 19)

1 JOHN 4:19

WE LOVE, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

ROMANS 12:18

IF POSSIBLE, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, BE AT PEACE WITH ALL MEN.

TRUTH #10 – GOD'S LOVE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH HATE (V. 20)

LOVING AS GOD LOVES

1 JOHN 4:20

If someone says, "I Love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

JAMES 3:9-12

⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and WITH IT WE CURSE MEN, WHO HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD; 10 FROM THE SAME MOUTH COME BOTH BLESSING AND CURSING. MY BRETHREN, THESE THINGS OUGHT NOT TO BE THIS WAY. 11 DOES A FOUNTAIN SEND OUT FROM THE SAME OPENING BOTH FRESH AND BITTER WATER? ¹² CAN A FIG TREE, MY BRETHREN, PRODUCE OLIVES, OR A VINE PRODUCE FIGS? NOR CAN SALT WATER PRODUCE FRESH.

Truth #1 restated – God commands us to love others as he as loved us. (v. 21)

LOVING AS GOD LOVES

1 JOHN 4:21

AND THIS COMMANDMENT WE HAVE FROM HIM, THAT THE ONE WHO LOVES GOD SHOULD LOVE HIS BROTHER ALSO