

TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love  
**Message:** Devotion to Jesus  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
**Date:** September 12/13, 2020

Take some quiet time to review the message notes and reflect on the Bible passages.

What do you think God wants you to pay close attention to today?

Which of these words do you think best characterizes your personal relationship with God right now:

Admiration or Action?

Appreciation of Imitation?

Emotion of Devotion?

Take some time to read through the following passage, and as you do, ask God to speak to you and help you see what He offers and how you would like to respond.

<sup>1</sup> Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT – New Living Translation

NASB – New American Standard Bible

## MESSAGE NOTES



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Some distinguishing traits of genuine "followers" of Jesus:

**More than admiration, they are people of action.**

*The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.*

Acts 4:13 (NLT)

**More than appreciation, they focus on imitation.**

*I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.*

John 13:15 (NLT)

*<sup>23</sup> Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. <sup>24</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."*

Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

**Much more than emotion, they live with devotion.**

*And this I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is seemly, and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 7:35 (NASB)

**Jesus gave us a simple metric for measuring devotion...obedience.**

*Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.*

John 14:21 (NLT)

## Song Lyrics

### Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken And great are You Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise. We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry these bones will sing: Great are You Lord.

### Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst. I worship You. I worship You.  
You are here working in this place. I worship You. I worship You.

Chorus:

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness.  
My God, that is who You are.

You are here touching every heart. I worship You. I worship You.  
You are here healing every heart. I worship You. I worship You.

You are here turning lives around. I worship You. I worship You.  
You are here mending every heart. I worship You. I worship You, Lord.

Even when I don't see it You're working.  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.  
You never stop, You never stop working.  
You never stop, You never stop working.

### Goodness of God

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus:

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest nights, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.