

COME AS YOU ARE
NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED

The Answer Is Jesus
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Come As You Are, you are accepted.
No Perfect People
Grow
We Are The Body of Jesus

THE TEMPTATION TO BE RELEVANT

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
Matthew 4:1-3 NAS

It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' Matthew 4:4 NAS

Beneath all the great accomplishments of our time is a deep current of despair.

This world is marked by people that feel their lives add up to less than zero.

DO YOU LOVE ME?

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:15-17 NIV

Do you love Jesus more than the other things in this life? Do you really love Jesus? Do you really, really love Jesus?

YOUR FIRST LOVE

Do you love God?, is closely followed by the question *Do you know that God loves you very much?*

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19 NIV

God is our first love. There are also second loves.

These second loves are always limited, broken and very fragile. Behind the many expressions of these second loves there is always the chance of rejection, withdrawal, punishment, blackmail, violence and even hatred.

Jesus' heart is the incarnation of the shadow-free first love of God. From His heart flow streams of living water, He cries out in a loud voice, *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me! Let anyone who believes in me come and drink."* John 7:37 NIV

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Matthew 11:28-29 NIV

When someone presents you with one of life's horrendous problems, you will know the answer is Jesus and His love for them. All you are called to do is love them, too.

