

Encounter Church
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God's Love Language
A Humble Lamb

INTRODUCTION: Last week we talked about "First Impressions." First impressions are lasting impressions.

In John 1 we discovered that Jesus, The Word, became flesh and "pitched his tent" Among us.

Jesus was and still is the divine expression of God!

The Gospel of John of John shows that Jesus is God's Son, who existed from the beginning and reveals the Father to the world!

John 1:14 (NKJV)- "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

AGAIN THE DIVINE EXPRESSION OF GOD! HERE'S WHAT SOME EXPECTED TO SEE:

Revelation 5:5 (NKJV)- "But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

In the vision John is having one of the elders tells him to look at the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah!"

BUT THIS IS WHAT JOHN SEES WHEN HE LOOKS.

Revelation 5:6 (NKJV)- "And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

BACK TO JOHN CHAPTER 1, WHEN JESUS IS BEGINNING HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY AND HE'S INTRODUCED TO THE WORLD.

John 1:29 (NKJV)- "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

The Children of Israel knew about the lamb and the sacrifice of the lamb on the altar. During Passover each family had to sacrifice a lamb. During the year two lambs a day were sacrificed on the temple altar. Plus all the other lambs brought for personal sacrifice.

Those lambs were brought by people to people, but here is God's Lamb, given by God to humankind.

Those lambs brought by people to people, could not take away sin, but the Lamb of God can take away sin!

Those lambs were for Israel alone, but the Lamb of God would shed His blood for the whole world!

JESUS, the Lion, the Light, the Life, of God-makes his grand entrance in the meekest way possible!

He willingly set aside his power and took the role of an animal led to be sacrificed in our place!

THERE HE IS-GOD'S LAMB! SENT TO TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!

To take away our sins is a figure of speech that means, "he will break sins grip from humanity, taking away both the guilt and power of sin."

Jesus is not a passive victim but he enters fully and willingly into his mission!

THEN A MAN NAMED PAUL GIVES EVEN MORE INSIGHT TO JESUS THE LAMB!

Philippians 2:6-11 (NLT)- "Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

THOUGH HE WAS GOD HE BECAME A LAMB! WILLINGLY!

WHY DID PAUL INCLUDE THIS DESCRIPTION OF JESUS AND HIS JOURNEY TO THE CROSS TO BE SACRIFICED AS THE LAMB OF GOD IN HIS WRITINGS?

Philippians 2:1-5 (NLT)- "Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and

compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."

Paul envisions the life of the community of believers being formed by the mind of Christ. The same attitude as Christ!

As we look at the life of Jesus we discover God's Love Language! A love language is a way people give and receive love.

(Gary Chapman- 1. Words of Affirmation. 2. Quality Time. 3. Acts of Service. 4. Receiving Gifts. 5. Physical Touch.

WHAT IS GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE? WHAT ATTRACTS US TO GOD?

1. A Tongue that declares Jesus is Lord.

Romans 10:9 (NLT)- "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

THAT'S GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE!

2. Humility

James 4:10 (NLT)- "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor."

1 Peter 5:6 (NLT)- "So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor."

Humility is an inside-out virtue produced by comparing ourselves to the Lord (rather than to others). For the believer, humility means living in complete dependence on the Lord, with no reliance on self (the flesh).

HUMILITY IS GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE

3. Unity

John 17:23 (NLT)- "I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NLT)- "There are six things the Lord hates— no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, ma false witness who pours out lies,

a person who sows discord in a family.

UNITY IS GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE

4. Being Others Focused

Selflessness!

Philippians 2:3,4 (NLT)- “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”

BEING OTHERS FOCUSED IS GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE

5. Willful Obedience

In Jesus struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane he prayed, “Father not my will but your will be done.”

The Bible says Jesus, “humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.”

1 John 5:3 (NLT)- “Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.”

WILLFUL OBEDIENCE IS GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE!

CONCLUSION: Do you want to know God on a more intimate level? Well it begins by declaring Jesus as the Lord of your life.

“Oh the blood of the Lamb! Oh the Blood of the Lamb! What a sacrifice that changed my life, Yes the blood it is my victory! “

Walk in Humility! Be an answer to the prayer of Jesus and walk in unity with the family of God. Serve others and obey God willingly.

Friends you’ll live and walk and talk in the Love of God!

YOU’LL BE HIS LOVE LANGUAGE TO THE WORLD!