

In Love with Jesus!

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I. God loved the _____ by sending Jesus (Jn. 3:16) (1 Jn. 4:19)

A. Jesus' coming demonstrated God's _____.

1. Allowing something that appears "bad" does not necessarily mean a _____ to love.

2. God _____ us so – will you _____ Him at His word?

B. God satisfied His own _____ (propitiation) by sending Jesus. (1 Jn. 4:9-10, Rom. 5:8)

II. How are we to respond to this love?

A. Don't _____ it.

1. We can _____ Jesus!

2. Jesus can _____ with us (Heb. 4:15)

B. _____ it. (1 Jn. 4:11, Eph. 4:29-32)

C. Eph. 4:29-32

D. Be _____ by it. (2 Cor. 5:12-15, 17-18)

III. The results/purpose of this love.

A. _____ it (outward/ evangelistic) (1 Thess. 2:1-8)

B. Be _____ in it (inward/fellowship) (Eph. 4:15-16)

1. "The _____," which is not always what we want to hear or necessarily want to speak.

2. "In _____," which is the motivation for speaking that truth. This is not a self-serving love, but a love under the control of Christ's love.

IV. _____ strengthens this love. (1 Cor. 10:1-5, 14-17)

A. Moses and the Exodus were precursors to the _____
(1 Cor. 10:1-5)

1. They followed _____! (v. 4)
2. They did it _____ and were bound in unity by it. (v. 1-4)
3. Most of them fell into _____. (v. 5-13)

B. Modern followers should learn from this (1 Cor. 10:14-17).

1. _____ from the sins so prevalent in society! (v. 14)
2. Partake of the communion elements as a reflection/remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice and your _____ in that through faith (v. 17b)
3. The _____ impact of communion (v. 17c)

C. _____ together [in the sense of eating a meal] builds community, too! (Acts 2:45-47)

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- I. God loved the **world** by sending Jesus (Jn. 3:16) (1 Jn. 4:19)
 - A. Jesus' coming demonstrated God's **love**.
 1. Allowing something that appears "bad" does not necessarily mean a **failure** to love.
 2. God **told** us so – will you **trust** Him at His word?
 - B. God satisfied His own **wrath** (propitiation) by sending Jesus. (1 Jn. 4:9-10, Rom. 5:8)
- II. How are we to respond to this love?
 - A. Don't **reject** it.
 1. We can **meet** Jesus!
 2. Jesus can **identify** with us (Heb. 4:15)
 - B. **Reflect** it. (1 Jn. 4:11, Eph. 4:29-32)
 - C. Eph. 4:29-32
 - D. Be **regulated** by it. (2 Cor. 5:12-15, 17-18)
- III. The results/purpose of this love.
 - A. **Reveal** it (outward/ evangelistic) (1 Thess. 2:1-8)
 - B. Be **united** in it (inward/fellowship) (Eph. 4:15-16)
 1. "The **truth**," which is not always what we want to hear or necessarily want to speak.
 2. "In **love**," which is the motivation for speaking that truth.
This is not a self-serving love, but a love under the control of Christ's love.
- IV. **Communion** strengthens this love. (1 Cor. 10:1-5, 14-17)
 - A. Moses and the Exodus were precursors to the **church** (1 Cor. 10:1-5)
 1. They followed **CHRIST**! (v. 4)
 2. They did it **together** and were bound in unity by it. (v. 1-4)
 3. Most of them fell into **sin**. (v. 5-13)
 - B. Modern followers should learn from this (1 Cor. 10:14-17).
 1. **Run away** from the sins so prevalent in society! (v. 14)
 2. Partake of the communion elements as a reflection/remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice and your **participation** in that through faith (v. 17b)
 3. The **unifying** impact of communion (v. 17c)
 - C. **Breaking bread** together [in the sense of eating a meal] builds community, too! (Acts 2:45-47)