

INTRODUCTION

- * Knowing God – The Quest
- * We have considered: The Existence & Exclusiveness of God, The Composition of God, The Natural Attributes of God
- * We have begun to consider His moral attributes. - those which refer to the conduct & character of God. We have considered His Holiness and its application to our lives.
- * Today we want to continue our consideration of the Love of God

INSTRUCTION

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.
 ~ Ephesians 1:3-4 ~

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--
¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
 ~ Ephesians 3:14-20 ~

I. THE CONSIDERATION OF GOD'S LOVE

A. The Definition of God's Love

1. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
2. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

B. The Expression of God's Love

1. HIS PROVISION (cf. Isaiah 63:7-9; John 3:16-19; I John 4:9-10; Ephesians 2:4-9; Galatians 2:20; Romans 5:7-8; Isaiah 38:16-17)
2. HIS PROTECTION (cf. Romans 8:33-39)

II. THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S LOVE

A. The Consideration of God's Love Should Provoke Our Desire to W_____ Him

1. DISPLAYED IN OUR DEVOTION
 - * Matthew 22:36-40; I John 4:15-19; Luke 7:40-48; Psalm 40:16
 - * I John 2:15-17; Matthew 6:24; 24:11-13; Revelation 2:1-5
2. DISPLAYED IN OUR OBEDIENCE (Deuteronomy 6:4-13; John 14:15,21,23-24; 15:9-10; I John 2:4-5)

B. The Consideration of God's Love Should Provoke Our Desire to R_____ Him (cf. Ephesians 5:1-2; Philippians 2:1-5)

1. THE S_____ OF OUR LOVE
 - a. You Are To Love Your _____ (cf. Matthew 22:36-40; Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34; Luke 10:25-37)
 - b. You Are To Love Your _____ (John 13:34-35; I Peter 1:22-23; I John 4:7-8)
 - c. You Are To Love Your _____ (cf. Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 5:7-10)
 - d. You Are To Love Your _____ (cf. Ephesians 5:24-28; Titus 2:3-5)
2. THE M_____ OF OUR LOVE
 - * Galatians 5:13-15
 - * James 2:2-9
 - * Romans 13:8-10
 - * I John 3:14-19
 - * John 15:12-13
 - * I Corinthians 13:4-8

INTROSPECTION

☞ "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16
 ... WHERE DO YOU ABIDE?

☞ HOW VISIBLE IS THE LOVE OF GOD IN, AND THROUGH, YOU?
 ... HOW "GOOD" IS YOUR REFLECTION?