

## 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

### 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 Worship 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 Reflect Him (cf. Ephesians 5:1-2; Philippians 2: 1-5)

1. THE SCOPE OF OUR LOVE
  - a. You Are To Love Your Neighbor (cf. Matthew 22: 36-40; Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34; Luke 10:25-37)
  - b. You Are To Love Your Brethren ( 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
  - \* 1 John 3:14-19
  - \* John 15: 12-13
  - \* 1 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 DOES THE EXPRESSION OF YOUR "LOVE" MATCH UP WITH THAT OF SCRIPTURE?
- ☞ HOW VISIBLE IS THE LOVE OF GOD IN, AND THROUGH, YOU? ... HOW "GOOD" IS YOUR REFLECTION??