

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Valentine's Day ... We take the opportunity to step away from the series on 1 Samuel to consider the concept of True Love
- \* The world is infatuated (pardon the pun) with the concept of "true love" ... but, unless they consider the source of true love ... they will only ever find cheap imitations!
- \* Today we want to consider the ultimate true love and our part in it.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE D\_\_\_\_\_ION OF TRUE LOVE****A. In The Old Testament****B. In The New Testament****II. THE E\_\_\_\_\_ION OF TRUE LOVE****A. In The Pro\_\_\_\_\_ion of God**

1. OUR R\_\_\_\_\_TION (cf. John 3:16-19; 1 John 4:9-10; Ephesians 2:4-9; Galatians 2:20; Romans 5 :7-8; Titus 3:4-5)
2. OUR A\_\_\_\_TION (cf. 1 John 3:1; Galatians 4:4-7)
3. OUR C\_\_\_\_\_TION (cf. Hebrews 12:5-11; Revelation 3:19-21; Mark 10:21)

**B. In The Pr\_\_\_\_\_ion of God (cf. Romans 8: 33-39)****III. THE R\_\_\_\_\_ION OF TRUE LOVE (cf. Ephesians 5: 1-2)****A. In Our Love For \_\_\_\_\_**

1. DISPLAYED IN OUR D\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Stated Positively (cf. Matthew 22: 36-40; 1 John 4:15-19; Luke 7:40-48; Psalm 40:16; 70:4)
  - b. Stated Negatively (cf. 1 John 2: 15-17; Matthew 6:24; 24:11-13; Revelation 2:1-5)
2. DISPLAYED IN OUR O\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Deuteronomy 6: 4-13; John 14: 15,21,23-24; 15:9-10; 1 John 2:4-5)

**B. In Our Love For \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 1:22-23; 1 John 2:9-11; 4:7-8,11,21; 1 Thess 3:12-13; Romans 14:15)
  - 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
  - \* cf. 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?
- ☞ "Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." Matthew 24:12 ... HOW FERVENT IS YOUR LOVE?
- ☞ 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?
- ☞ WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU WILL COMMIT TO CHANGE IN YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD AND OTHERS?