

# LESSON 8 THE LOVE OF GOD

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

1. Foundational scriptures (John 3:16 and 1 John 4:11).

a. Observation: All of us need a greater revelation of God's love toward us (Ephesians 3:16-19).

b. Understanding God's love delivers us from fear (1 John 4:16-18).

(1) Even to the extent of having boldness in the day of judgment (verse 17 -above).

(a) Behold (look and see, be aware of, consider and know) what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us (1 John 3:1).

2. But, " ...we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11).

a. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts (Romans 5 :5).

(1) We don't need any more love; The love of God is already within us!

3. Manifesting the love of God toward others.

a. Whoso keepeth his word (1 John 2:5).

(1) Definition: *keepeth* -to set a watch, to guard by keeping the eye upon in order to prevent loss or injury.

4. Practical Application (1 Peter 3:9 from the New American Standard Bible).

a. Examining three modes of manifestation.

(1) Receive an insult, return an insult.

(2) Receive an insult, return nothing.

(3) Receive an insult, return a blessing (Matthew 5:44).

b. Giving a blessing ...that you might inherit a blessing (Luke 6:38).

(1) Because, love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8a).

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## WORKSHEET

1. What does Jesus command his disciples to do in John 15:9?
2. What is the greatest love a person can have? (John 15:13)
3. Name those things which God's Word says will not be able to separate from the love of God. (Romans 8:38-39)
4. How do we perceive (or know by observation and experience) the love God? 1 John 3:1
5. How do we show our love to Christ? (John 14:15, 23)
6. Describe the duration of God's love from Jeremiah 31:3
7. Does a person need to be saved in order to be loved by God? (Romans 5:8)
8. What manner of love has the Father bestowed upon us? (1 John 3:1)
9. What is the greatest commandment in the law of Moses? The second greatest commandment? (Matthew 22:36-40)
10. How will others know we are disciples of Jesus Christ? (John 13:34-35)

PERSONAL REFLECTION: Share what the love of God means to you personally.