



Love ... Gripped by the Love of Christ

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All true love begins with this:
God in Christ loved us and forgave us.

Two Diagnostic Questions ... Rom. 8:28

- I. Do You _____?
II. Have you been _____?

Gripped by His Love ... Rom. 8:35-39

- I. _____ and _____ can Separate you from the Love of Christ ... Cp. Romans 8:35
II. The Love of Christ ... The Foundation of _____ Cp. John 13:34; 15:12-13; Ephesians 4:32-5:1; 1 John 3:16; 4:10-11
III. Love Can Be and Must Be _____ ... Cp. Ephesians 3:14-19
IV. Before we will _____, we will have to be Gripped by His Love ... Cp. Romans 8:35

Some Reflection ...

- I. How often are you Awe Struck by _____?
II. What is your greatest treasure in life? If it is not your _____, something is out of order.
III. I long to Personally Grow in Love, _____?

Truth for Life

For the week of July 26, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

- 1. At what point in your life were you the most awe struck by God's love for you? What was the occasion? How did affect you? Your attitude? Your relationship with others? Your desire to live for God? Has that love continued? Grown cold? Lessened? If so, to what do you credit this shift?
2. Read Revelation 2:1-7 in a few translations. Where was the church in this passage? What were they doing well? What was missing or lacking? Think about this ... were they able to do "ministry" yet lacking in their love for God? Did this passage mention anything that they were not "doing" or missing as a result of their lack of love? What should we learn from this?
3. Read through the passage above again. What instruction were they given as how they could regain or refresh their love? What specific things did they need to do? How does doing these things affect how we love God?
4. Are there signs that might help us to see when our love may be growing cold? What are they? How can we ensure that love growing cold will never be our reality?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder.
a. If you were asked to explain how a person is to love God, how would you describe it? What steps would you give them to take in order to accomplish this?
b. What expectations did you have when you put your trust in Christ? Were they biblically legitimate expectations?
c. Are there any areas of your life (work, finances, relationships, goals, use of time, etc.) where Jesus is not your King? What specifically do you need to do to yield these areas to Him?

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- III. Love Can Be and Must Be **Developed** ...
Cp. Ephesians 3:14-19
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Cp. Romans 8:35

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