

# LOVE WINS

LOVE IS - 1 John 4:7-21



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*Key Passages: 1 John 4:7-21, Matthew 22:37-40, 1 John 5:3, John 13:35*

**Love is Misunderstood** - confused with lust and feelings - Christians have lost Jesus' vision and teaching on love. (It is not our most defining characteristic.)

**Love is Deceptive** - a manufactured feeling - Conditional, distorted and dysfunctional loves cause incredible hurt and pain.

**Love is Fleeting** - satisfies our immediate needs - It is conditional; not given to those who offend or frustrate us or cannot give love back.

## 1. LOVE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD. *1 John 4:8*

**God is the standard of love because God is love and he cannot contradict himself.** God is the absolute, universal standard of love. *1 John 4:8*

**God's love is eternal.** *Psalms 103:17*

**God's love compels us.** We can only love because God has first loved us. *1 John 4:19*

**God's love invites us into relationship.** *1 John 3:1*

## 2. TO LOVE GOD IS TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE HEART OF GOD.

*Matthew 22:37-40, John 13:35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

You cannot love God and hate people. *1 John 4:20-21*

A disciple of God must be a disciple of love. *John 13:35*

**3. TO LOVE OTHERS IS TO \_\_\_\_\_ THEM TO  
IMITATE THE HEART OF GOD. 1 John 5:3, Matthew 22:37-40**

Do people imitate the heart of God because of your life? 1 John 5:3

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**BRING:** Next weeks message - **LOVE IS A BROMANCE** - Learn the importance of friendship and love as the remedy against loneliness. BRING with you!

## BRING WITH YOU

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Write the name of the person you are going to bring.



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## ASKING JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE IS AS EASY AS A-B-C

### Gospel A-B-C's

Father, I **Admit** that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God. **Romans 3:23, 6:23**

I **Believe** that Jesus died for my sins and that His death paid the penalty for my sins. **Romans 5:8**

I **Confess** or agree that Jesus is Lord, that He died and rose from the dead, and is able to forgive me of my sins. **Romans 10:9-10**

Jesus, I trust that You love me and can hear my prayer. By faith, I ask You to please forgive me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to You. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**If you understood that prayer and prayed to accept Jesus' invitation into a relationship, text "SAVED" to 52525.**