

This Is Love (Pt. 5)

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- I. God's Unchanging Nature of Love (7b-8)
- II. God's Unparalleled Demonstration of Love (9-12)
- III. God's Unspeakable Gift of Love (13-21)
 - A. The Gift of the Holy Spirit (13)
 - B. The Work of the Holy Spirit (14-21)
 - 1. His Saving Work (14-16a)

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2. His Sanctifying Work (16b-21)

- a. The Spirit produces a mature understanding of God's love for us (16b-18).
 - He keeps the believer trusting in God's love in the gospel (16b).
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Why Is Loving God So Important?

1. It's proof that we know God (2:15; Ex. 34:6-7; Lk. 11:42; Jn. 5:42).
2. It's God's greatest command (Dt. 6:5; Mt. 22:36-40).

What Does It Mean to Love God?

1. We will give Him our exclusive allegiance.
2. We will give Him our faithful obedience.
3. We will give Him our genuine affection.
4. We will give Him our total devotion.

How Do We Demonstrate Love for God?

1. By Loving His Son (Jn. 5:42-43; 8:42; 15:23)
2. By Loving His People (4:11, 20-21; Jn. 13:34; 15:12; 20:15-17; Heb. 6:10)
3. By Loving & Obeying His Word (2:5; 5:3; 2 Jn. 6; Jn. 14:15, 23; Dt. 6:5-9)
4. By Delighting in God (Ps. 5:11; 37:4)
5. By Hating our Sin (Ps. 97:10)
6. By Persevering in Trials (Jam. 1:12)

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 - Love for Fellow Christians (20-21)
 - It's a Necessity (20).
 - It's a Command (21).

Loving God and your fellow Christians is...

1. A Test of Your Profession
2. The Ground of Your Assurance
3. An Invitation to Repent of Your Sins & Believe in Jesus