

1st John # 61

“The Historical Pattern of True Love”

1st John 3:16; 1st John 4:9-10, 15-19

Because the church has lost her saltiness and dimmed her lamp, we live in trying times where organized groups are not only attempting to take over our nation but also to dethrone our God in the process.

Love is maximum concentration or the ultimate in separation by choosing one recipient over all others.

Apart from daily learning, understanding, believing and applying biblical truth; it's impossible to love God which is our reasonable response to Him for His unreasonable love for us.

We can only see God and love Him through His Word.

If we ever wish to ask: ‘Dear God, how do we really know that you love us?’

He immediately points to cross where Jesus teaches us what love is because He learned all about love from His Father.

Do we deserve God's love?

No; so when we hadn't even been born yet, God was already at work providing a way for us to spend eternity with Him!

The reason God loves us is found in His very nature; He is love and His love for us brings glory to His Name.

God loves us so much that He provided a free gift at His Son's expense for those who deserve exactly the opposite of His kindness.

Eternal God in His eternal love expressed His eternal grace toward undeserving man through the work of His eternal Son, Jesus Christ in salvation, when God the Father was satisfied with the sacrificial ministry of our Lord on the cross.

There are two outstanding problem-solvers related to the spiritual life—recovery from post-salvation sin and the mind of Christ attitude of impersonal love.

For the royal family of God, the spiritual life is demonstrated by soul-originated virtue love from our capacity righteousness received from God at salvation resulting in our personal love for God the Father and impersonal love for all mankind which is the greatest system of stability and peace we can have in this life.

What the righteousness of God demands, the justice of God executes but always through the love of God as expressed in the grace of God.

1st John 3:16a “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.”

John 13:1 “It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”

Psalms 90:2 “Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”

