

*1st John # 64*

*“Love Applied”*

*1st John 3:16-17; Isaiah 55:6-11*

With removal of the barrier, the human race faces the issue of the work of God; specifically, the work of Jesus Christ vs the works of man.

God’s thoughts are grace; so we can’t earn it or deserve it and man’s thoughts are works: the “I can do it” mentality.

We understand love because Jesus Christ as Creator is the personification of love, so we can only know what love is if we find out who He is and what He did at the cross and love must be fully understood before we will ever fulfill Jesus’ command to us in *John 13:34-35*: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

The identifying characteristic of a mature Church Age believer is the same love expressed in his life that Jesus Christ expressed in His.

God didn’t send His One and only Son to the world because He felt sorry for the world; He sent Jesus Christ because He is love and an obvious expression of His love is grace and so, it was natural for Him to meet a need.