

“Do You Love Me?” Part 3 John 21 The Epilogue John 21:14-17

The miraculous catch of fish was a lesson to the disciples of the Lord’s ability to provide and it was also a reminder of the type of work which they were chosen for.

Jesus calls Peter by his former name, Simon bar Jonah to remind him to focus on divine viewpoint grace and not human viewpoint futility.

Thanks to John and the Holy Spirit, we can see the Simon in ourselves when we become self-confident, self-righteous, self-absorbed and therefore, totally self-deceived.

This attitude leads sheep to walk off a cliff, eat other sheep or get swallowed by a wolf or other predator themselves or even bite the shepherd.

The Lord Jesus Christ’s parting shots to Peter not only give us fantastic hope for our own lives but they also provide the ministry emphasis for the pastor-teacher and the local church.

The number one priority of the local assembly is for the pastor-teacher to communicate biblical truth designed to promote spiritual growth within the congregation and to encourage them to avoid alluring worldly distractions.

The best of congregations can think doctrinally and therefore maintain a biblical world view.

Grace is all that God is free to do for man based on the work of Jesus Christ.

Grace depends on the essence of God; in other words, it’s all about Who God is and what God does.

Grace is also what God can do for sinful man and still be consistent with His perfect character.

Grace is the exact opposite of legalism.

Under grace, the greatest thing God can do for a saved person is to make him exactly like His Son, Jesus Christ.

Every believer has tasted the grace of God.

Disorientation to grace is a believer’s fiercest distraction.

God’s grace is more than sufficient for handling all of our suffering.

Arrogance always rejects grace.

Faith is the only bride acceptable to grace!

Agape love which is unconditional and impersonal and therefore always forgiving as displayed by our Lord, is the love we should consciously and constantly direct toward our fellow believers.

This unconditional love is the only kind of love that God can have for the unbeliever.

Question: What’s more important; enjoying the details of this life which can be truly wonderful or enjoying a vibrant relationship with the Author of life, the Living Lord God Who is forever wondrous?

Peter is apparently insulted by the Lord Jesus Christ’s use of the impersonal agape.

Positional truth guarantees that the Father will love every believer with the same amount of love that He has for His own Son, Jesus!

Parents love their children from birth on; while children only develop capacity to love their parents when they reach their twenties and beyond with few exceptions.

By repeating agapao, Jesus warns that the words “I love you” formed in the mind, directed toward God are not in themselves, sufficient; in other words, just to say it isn’t enough.

Words are no stronger than the character of the one who speaks them.