

1. Love defined and described ...
To feel and demonstrate esteem, delight and goodwill toward another
Love is an attitude of heart, coupled with actions, which have and hold the well-being of another in view. Love brings no harm or ill will but only good.
Do we love in the manner that God describes in the Bible, such as in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13?
2. Love with the passion of all of our hearts ... “first love” ...
Jesus rebuked the Ephesian church because they had “left their first love”. We compared this to the love expressed by the woman in Luke 7:36-50. This woman who was known as a “sinner” gave herself in complete and unrestrained adoration and care for Jesus. She loved much!
Do we exhibit fervent love ... first love ... to our Lord Jesus or are we just going through religious exercise?
3. Recognizing what we really love ...
We compared and considered the attitude of the Pharisees who “professed love” but actually held a deeper and different love within themselves, as do many today.
They loved to be noticed and to have attention given to them. Luke 11:43
They loved public greetings. Luke 20:46
They loved the best seats in the meeting place. Luke 20:46
They loved money. Luke 16:14
They loved the praise of men. John 12:43
Do we really love the Lord our God and Jesus or do we actually have another love?
4. The love of God our Father ... “know the love of Christ” ... Ephesians 3:14-19
“For God so loved ...” John 3:16 So much is told to us, of the love that God has for us His chosen people. Have we really grasped an understanding of that love?
God set His love upon us ... Deut 7:6-8 (Exodus 19:5) 1 Peter 2:9-10
The love of God for us His chosen, cost dearly. The love of God towards us cannot be measured in normal human terms.
Isaiah 53:5 But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.
25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
5. The blessing of God’s love upon us brings ...
Forgiveness of sins
Cleansing from sin
Deliverance from sin
Life eternal, dwelling with God
Life eternal, without any pain, sadness, sickness, sorrow, regret, or death ...
Heavenly blessings
Heavenly nature
Love, joy, peace, hope, ... in abundance