



BECAUSE OF LOVE

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

1 John 4:8,16

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love...God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

Romans 5:8

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Reflection Questions

1. Looking back at your formative years, were there any negative experiences that have caused you to feel unworthy of love?
2. Do you ever find yourself living in ways to gain God's love rather than simply living from His unconditional love?
3. Why is it an important distinction to know that God IS love, rather than that he HAS love or DOES love? How is this nature of God different than our natures in the manner in which we love or understand love?
4. Is there a loved one you would give your life for? an enemy? What does it mean to you that God loved you and gave His most precious resource, His Son, while you were still His enemy?

Application Questions

1. Have you encountered the love of God? Take some time this week to meditate on or speak with a friend about why God chose to save you and His nature, which is love. Then as John 3:16 states, believe and receive.
2. As you focus on the deep love of God this week, ask Him to reveal any misbeliefs or lingering doubts in your heart that still might need to be transformed so that you can live from His perfect love.
3. Is there someone in your life God is calling you to love this week without any regard for personal gain? Remembering the cost He paid to meet your greatest need, follow His lead and love them with action.

This week we are listening to

Goodness of God
O Come to the Altar
Glorious Day
The Love of God

Other Scriptures to consider

1 John 3:16,17
John 15:13
Psalm 86
Romans 8:35-39

Notes
