



KNOWING GOD

THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN LIFE

Lesson 7: GOD IS LOVE

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love”

1 John 4:8

I. Introduction

II. God's love for Himself

Matt 3:17, This is my beloved Son.

John 3:35, The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

John 5:20; 10:17; 17:24

III. God's love for humanity

(1) Love shown as common _____

Matt 5:45, For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

(2) Love seen in universal _____

Ezek 18:23, Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked.

Ezek 18:32, For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone.

Jonah 4:11, And should not I pity Nineveh ... ?

Matt. 23:37, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, I would have gathered you but you would not.

(3) Love demonstrated in _____

Luke 13:3, No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

(4) Love seen in the offer of the _____

Matt 28:19-20

IV. God's love for His people

(1) God's love is _____

John 17:20, I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word.

John 17:23, You sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:26, 1 John 3:1

(2) God's love is _____

Rom 5:8, But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Charles H. Spurgeon, “because the Son is co-equal with God the Father ... then God gave God”

Eph. 5:25, Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

John 10:11, I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

(3) God's love is _____

Deut. 7:7-8, It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers ...

Martin Luther, “God did not love us because we are more valuable, we are valuable because He loves us”

1 John 4:10, In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(4) God's love is _____

John 6:37, All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 6:39, And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

Jer. 31:3; Eph 1:4-5

HOW TO RECAPTURE A KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?

(1) Forsake sin

Rom. 12:1-2; Ps. 51:10

(2) Be totally committed to God

1 Kings 18:21, And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word.

(3) Reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

Rom 6:11, So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(4) Renounce the cheap values of the world

Col. 3:1-2, If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

(5) Meditate upon the majesty of God

Psalm 1:1-2, Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

(6) Serve Him and others

Mark 12:31, The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'