

GOD'S KIND OF LOVE PART 2

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In Part 1, I told you about the Romanian couple I met in the park. I want to tell you a little more about what happened but, before I do, I want to review some of the things we said about God's love. Jesus Christ was the greatest expression of love that ever came on the face of the earth, yet as far as it is recorded in the Bible, He never said the words, "I love you." Isn't that amazing? The greatest expression of love never said, "I love you." Do you know why? It's because love is more action than words. Suppose I said to my wife, "I love you," and then committed adultery all week? Would she believe my words, or would she believe my actions? She'd believe what I do, because ninety-five percent of love is nonverbal; it's not in the things you say.

In 1 John 3:18 we read, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue [let us not love just with the words of our mouths]; but in deed and in truth." Love is an action word. In Matthew 25:35-36 Jesus describes love for himself by saying, I was hungry, and you fed me, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was naked, without any clothing, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me. Then in verse 40 he says, and doing it to the least of these my brethren you've done it unto me. You see, love is an action, something you do, and if you understand it correctly, Hebrews 6:10 says that, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." In Matthew 22 when Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, He said it's love for God, and love for our fellow man. These two commandments are really one, because if we understand correctly, Jesus says when you show love to the least of his brethren, you are actually showing it to him. The Bible is teaching that we have an opportunity to love Jesus Christ in practical ways by loving others.

Last time I told you about the Romanians I met in a park seven-and-a-half years ago. Their lives were changed because I sought their welfare and benefit regardless of how I felt. They were a different color and nationality, but I knew that God's love expresses itself when we reach out and seek the welfare and benefit of others like Jesus did. He didn't feel like going to the cross, and said, "Father, if there's any other way, let it be, yet not My will but Yours be done." Jesus sought our welfare and benefit regardless of how He felt. About three weeks ago, I got a call from the Romanians, and they were in tears. They'd been here in the United States for seven-and-a-half years, I helped them get a job, and they now live in Kansas. They said, "We finally got a ruling on our political asylum papers. They're giving us thirty days to make an appeal, and then they're going to deport us." People only have two to five percent chance of ever getting political asylum. They went to a lawyer who handles these cases, and he basically said they didn't have a chance. I said, "I don't know, but I'm going to pray and try to help you." How, I didn't know, but I thought it was a great injustice to send them back—especially to their children, who can barely speak Romanian. They're now teenagers and have forgotten most of their native language.

A friend of mine called our Colorado congressman, who said to contact Senator Sam Brownback in Kansas since they live in Kansas. That was great because I have a friend, Kim, who works for Sam Brownback. I contacted Kim and said, “This is what’s going on, and you’re going to have to help us.” After contacting the Senator, they got about four people in Washington, DC, working on it. The whole community of Sublette, Kansas, about 1,200 people, got behind them, started a petition, got signatures, and over 880 people said, “We want these Romanians here. They’re good people, they pay taxes, and they work hard. We want them here.” There was a full coverage newspaper article about what had happened. It was a miracle, and because there were high officials in our government who understood what was going on, the Romanians got a letter saying the decision was reversed and they could stay in the United States.

I went to Sublette, Kansas. My friends didn’t know I was coming, and when I got there they were on the phone thanking Senator Brownback for helping get their political asylum. He couldn’t be there personally because it was the last day of President Clinton’s impeachment hearing, but ABC and NBC News were there with their cameras. As soon as they hung up, they ran over and hugged me, and the cameras went right over to me. They said, “Who are you, and how do you know these people?” I told them the whole story, how I met them and sought their welfare and benefit because of God and what Jesus said in Matthew 7:12.

We then went to the gymnasium where they had red, white, and blue balloons everywhere and were singing patriotic songs. When my friends came in, everyone started shouting, and they were weeping. The mayor of the city said, “Today, February 12, is going to be Jucan Family Day in honor of these Romanians.” They took an American flag the Senator had flown over the capitol in Washington, DC, in their honor and presented it to them, and also presented them with papers that said they were legally there, basically for the rest of their lives. They all gave a testimony, and then asked me to pray. I said, “There’s one person we haven’t thanked enough yet today, and that’s God Almighty. In a park in Colorado Springs, CO, seven-and-a-half years ago, I was seeking God, telling Him that I wanted to reach out with His love to someone that day and I was led to these Romanians. I then repeated the story, and said, “God wants to help you—welcome to the USA.”

The way it all came about was a miracle. I knew the right people in the right places at the right time. My friend Kim had made arrangements for Senator Brownback to come and meet me at Andrew Womack Ministries a year before all this happened. She said, “You just need to meet Don Krow.” I didn’t know why and I was very uncomfortable. Little did I know that God was setting things up to help a family He had revealed Himself and His love to, simply because of the command of Jesus that what you would want someone to do to you, do to them. It’s a miracle they’ll never forget, and they’ll tell you today, “It’s because of God.” Anka, the Romanian lady, said, “My faith wavered but God is faithful, and He allowed us to stay in the United State of America.”

There are multitudes of people right now who are crying out for love. The only way they can get it is when you and I make the decision to understand the principles of love from God’s Word. Love is kind, love seeks the welfare of others—just like Jesus sought our welfare when He went to the cross. God bless you today as you look more into these principles of what it really means to love with God’s love.

GOD'S KIND OF LOVE PART 2 (Outline)

Jesus was the greatest expression of love. It is not recorded in the Bible that Jesus ever said the words, "I love you."

1 John 3:18 says, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Love is more in action than in words. Ninety-five percent of all love is non-verbal.

Matthew 25:4-5 says, "But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." Love is an action. It is something you do.

Hebrews 6:10 says, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." We show our love to God by helping people.

Matthew 22:37-39 says, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." The greatest commandment is love for God and for our fellowman. We can love Jesus in a practical way by loving others.

Jesus sought our welfare and benefit regardless of how He felt, when He went to the cross. God's love expresses itself when we reach out and seek another's welfare.

GOD'S KIND OF LOVE
PART 2
(Teacher's Guide)

1. What does love do according to Matthew 7:12?

Whatever you would want someone to do for you, do unto others.

2. What does Proverbs 18:24 say about having friends?

To have friends you must show yourself friendly.

3. A. If you told your spouse, "I love you" and then went out and committed adultery, what will she believe—your words or your actions?

Your actions.

- B. How does 1 John 3:18 say we are to love?

Not just with words but with actions.

4. Look at Romans 5:6-8—do you think Jesus Christ felt like dying?

No. Yet He sought the benefit and welfare of all of us regardless of how He felt.

5. How does Galatians 5:22 show us our need for dependence upon God to manifest love?

True love is a by-product of dependence upon God. The opposite of love is to be selfish. We must look to God to put others before ourselves.

GOD'S KIND OF LOVE
PART 2
(Detailed Teacher's Guide)

Note: The following information may be read out loud (a numbered section at a time) with the person(s) being disciplined. After each numbered section is read, pause and ask the question(s) that correspond to the paragraph(s), and then discuss them.

¹ First John 5:3 says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments." Second John 6 says, "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments." If I was to ask someone to describe love he might say, "Love is a warm feeling, it's tender affection, it gives me goose bumps." But God says, "Brothers and Sisters, this is love: When you live and walk in My principles and My commandments." Then you have to learn the principles. Romans 13 says those principles of love will never harm anyone: "Love does no wrong to anyone. Therefore love is a fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10). When you walk in God's principles, you'll be walking in love. Love is kind—that means generous, that means giving, that means being unselfish, and that means seeking the best for someone else. God says, "This is love. Walk after these principles."

² Someone might say, "I've never seen it in my home. I don't know what God's talking about." Well, I'll show it to you right here. Matthew 7:12 says, "therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Here it is in written form. When Jesus said, "It is written," in the Greek it meant, "Say it again." God's telling us, "I'm saying it to you again. And this is what I'm saying, "Whatever you want someone to do for you, that's what you do for them."

³ Why can't we love? Because we're caught in this principle of sin, and this principle of sin is selfish. If someone sitting there says, "They don't love me. If they loved me then why don't they come over here and visit me? Don't they know I'm hurting? Why don't they come over here and pray for me? They're a bunch of hypocrites down at that church. Why don't they do something? Don't they know I'm hurting? I'm hurting so bad, why doesn't anybody care?"

What has God said? God said, "That is the way it works. He says to get up out of your pity party and think about what you would want done to you, and then put it into action. Would you want someone to be kind to you? Would you want someone to give a gift to you? Would you want someone to be loving and say kind words to you—not jokes that put you down, but words that say, "This is what I like about you?"

¹What is love according to Matthew 7:12?

²Notice what Matthew 7:12 doesn't say, "Try to find the right person," it basically says "become the right person."

³What does Proverbs 18:24 say about having friends?

⁴Put those principles into action, and do you know what will happen? The love you've been desiring will be generated in those people you've been ministering to, and it will come back to you in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over (Luke 6:38). To have friends, you have to be friendly (Proverbs 18:24). To have love, you have to give love. God so loved He gave (John 3:16). Love is a verb; love is an action word. Love can only be seen by what it does, not by the words that are said. 1 John 3:18 says, "let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." It's good to say that I love you. But if I say, "I love you" yet do things opposite of love in deed, then I'm lying. Love is an action, it has to be seen.

⁵Titus 2:4-5 (NIV) says, "Then they can train (or teach) the younger women to love their husband . . . to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind." This says that love is not a feeling, but it's a principle to be taught by the older women to the younger women in the church. Love is something that's taught.

Even though you've been given these principles, do you know what it's going to take to be able to walk in them? It's going to take getting down on your knees and saying, "Hey God, I can't do it in my own strength or ability." It goes against the grain of my flesh to honor someone else above myself. It goes against the grain of my flesh to give to another person rather than meeting my own selfish needs. It takes God, who is the source of love, the author of love, and the One who's saying, "Brothers, I wrote it down because I wanted to show you that if you're walking in these principles you're on the right path. Keep looking to Me; I'll give you divine ideas. I'll give you creative ideas on how to love others, how to be in love, and how to stay in love, even when you don't feel like it."

⁴If you told your wife, "I love you!" and then went out and committed adultery, what is she going to believe, your words or your actions?

⁵(a) Look at Romans 5:6-8, do you think Jesus Christ felt like dying? Yet He sought the benefit and welfare of all of us, regardless of how He felt.

(b) How does Galatians 5:22 show us our need for dependence upon God to manifest love?

GOD'S KIND OF LOVE
PART 2
(Discipleship Questions)

Read 1 John 3:16-18

1. How do we know, understand, and perceive the love God has for us?
2. What can we do to show love for our brethren?
3. If you shut your heart to a brother in need, does the Word of God say that God's love abides in you?
4. If we are not to love in word or in tongue only, how are we to love?

Read Hebrews 6:10-12

5. What two things is God not unjust to forget, that you have shown toward His name?
A. _____ B. _____
6. To whom have you ministered by your works and labors of love?
7. Who are the "saints"?

Read Matthew 22:37-39

8. What is the first commandment?
9. What is the second?
10. Can you see how loving your neighbor would give glory to God?

Read Matthew 25:31-46

11. Whom did He set on His right hand? _____ On His left? _____
12. What was the blessing that He gave to His sheep in verse 34
13. "For I was hungry and you gave Me _____;
I was thirsty and you gave Me _____;
I was a stranger and you _____;
I was naked and you _____ Me;
I was sick and you _____ Me;
I was in prison and you _____ Me.
14. What was Jesus' response to the sheep asking about when it was that they saw Him in all these mentioned states?

15. Where did Jesus send the goats?
16. If we do not minister to the least of the brethren, it is as though we are not ministering to Whom?
17. Where will the wicked go?
18. Where will the righteous go?

Read Matthew 7:12

19. What does this Golden Rule say?

Read Luke 6:37-38

20. If you don't want to be judged, what shouldn't you do?
21. If you don't want to be condemned, what shouldn't you do?
22. If you want to be forgiven, what should you do?

Read Proverbs 18:24

23. What must you do to have friends?
24. Who is your friend who sticks closer than a brother?

Read James 1:22-25

25. What are you if you are a hearer of the Word only and not a doer?
26. What will you be if you are not a forgetful hearer of the word?

Read Galatians 6:6-10

27. "Whatever a man sows, that he will also _____."
28. If you sow to the flesh, what will you reap?
29. If you sow to the Spirit, what will you reap?
30. What two things must we not do in order to reap in due season?
A. _____ B. _____
31. What are we to do when we have opportunity
32. "Especially" toward whom?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

- 33. Who are the rich to put their trust in?
- 34. What does God give to us? _____
Why? _____
- 35. Verse 18 commands us to do three things, name them.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
- 36. What can we look forward to if we do these things?

Read Hebrews 13:1-6

- 37. Each verse, 2-5, has a command as to how we are to conduct ourselves, state them.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
- 38. What did Jesus promise that He would never do?
- 39. "So we may boldly say, " _____."

Read Hebrews 13:16

- 40. What sacrifices is God well pleased with?

Read 1 Peter 3:8-9

- 41. What can we do to inherit the blessing?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
 - E. _____
 - F. _____
 - G. _____
 - H. _____

Read 1 Peter 3:10-12

- 42. Highlight in your Bible the blessings and instructions in these verses.
- 43. LOOK UP THE SCRIPTURES IN "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" AND MEDITATE ON THEM.

GOD'S KIND OF LOVE
PART 2
(Discipleship Answer Key)

1. In that Christ laid down His life for us
2. Lay down our lives for one another
3. No
4. In deed and truth
5. A. Your work
B. Your labor of love
6. The saints
7. My brothers and sisters in Christ
8. Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
soul, mind, and strength
9. Love your neighbor as you love yourself
10. Yes
11. Sheep - goats
12. To inherit the Kingdom prepared from the
foundations of the world
13. Food – drink – took Me in – clothed -
visited – came to
14. In as much as you've done it to the least of
My brethren, you've done it to Me.
15. Everlasting fire, prepared for the devil
16. Jesus
17. Hell, everlasting punishment
18. Heaven, the kingdom prepared for them
19. However you want people to treat you, treat
them in like manner
20. Judge
21. Condemn
22. Forgive
23. Be friendly
24. Jesus
25. Deceived
26. Blessed
27. Reap
28. Corruption
29. Everlasting life
30. A. Grow weary
B. Lose heart
31. Do good to all
32. Those in the household of faith
33. The Living God
34. All things to enjoy – to serve others
35. A. Good works
B. Be ready to give
C. Willing to share
36. Laying hold of eternal life

37. A. Entertain strangers
B. Remember the prisoners
C. Keep marriage honorable and the bed undefiled
D. Be content with what you have
38. Leave me nor forsake me
39. The Lord is my helper; I will not fear
what can man do to me
40. To do good and share
41. A. Be of one mind
B. Have compassion
C. Love as brothers
D. Be tenderhearted
E. Be courteous
F. Don't return evil for evil
G. Don't revile
H. Be a blessing

GOD'S KIND OF LOVE II
PART 2
(Additional Information)

Love (to man):

- 1) Is of God. 1 John 4:7
- 2) Commanded by God. 1 John 4:21
- 3) Commanded by Christ. John 13:34, 15:12; 1 John 3:23
- 4) After the example of Christ. John 13:34, 15:12; Ephesians 5:2
- 5) Taught by God. 1 Thessalonians 4:9
- 6) Faith works by. Galatians 5:6
- 7) A fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22; Colossians 1:8
- 8) Purity of the heart leads to. 1 Peter 1:22
- 9) Explained. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- 10) Is an active principle. 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 6:10
- 11) Is an abiding principle. 1 Corinthians 13:8, 13
- 12) Is the second great commandment. Matthew 22:37-39
- 13) Is the end of the commandment. 1 Timothy 1:5
- 14) Supernatural gifts are nothing without. 1 Corinthians 13:1, 2
- 15) The greatest sacrifices are nothing without. 1 Corinthians 13:3
- 16) Especially enjoined upon ministers. 1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:22
- 17) SAINTS SHOULD
 - 17a) Put on. Colossians 3:14
 - 17b) Follow after. 1 Corinthians 14:1
 - 17c) Abound in. Philippians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:12

- 17d) Continue in. 1 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 13:1
- 17e) Provoke each other to. 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:2;
Hebrews 10:24
- 17f) Be sincere in. Romans 12:9; 2 Corinthians
6:6, 8:8; I John 3:18
- 17g) Be disinterested in. 1 Corinthians 10:24, 13:5;
Philippians 2:4
- 17h) Be fervent in. 1 Peter 1:22, 4:8
- 18) Should be connected with brotherly kindness. Romans 12:10; 2 Peter 1:7
- 19) Should be with a pure heart. 1 Peter 1:22
- 20) All things should be done with. 1 Corinthians 16:14
- 21) SHOULD BE EXHIBITED TOWARD
- 21a) Saints. 1 Peter 2:17; 1 John 5:1
- 21b) Ministers. 1 Thessalonians 5:13
- 21c) Our families. Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4
- 21d) Fellow-countrymen. Exodus 32:32; Romans 9:2, 3; 10:1
- 21e) Strangers. Leviticus 19:34;
Deuteronomy 10:19
- 21f) Enemies
Exodus 23:4,5; 2 Kings 6:22;
Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:14,
20; 1 Peter 3:9
- 21g) All men. Galatians 6:10
- 22) SHOULD BE EXHIBITED IN
- 22a) Ministering to the wants of others. Matthew 25:35; Hebrews 6:10
- 22b) Loving each other. Galatians 5:13

- 22c) Relieving strangers. Leviticus 25:35;
Matthew 25:36
- 22d) Clothing the naked. Isaiah 58:7; Matthew 25:36
- 22e) Visiting the sick. Job 31:16-22; James 1:27
- 22f) Sympathizing. Romans 12:15;
1 Corinthians 12:26
- 22g) Supporting the weak. Galatians 6:2;
1 Thessalonians 5:14
- 22h) Covering the faults of others. Proverbs 10:12; 1 Peter 4:8
- 22i) Forgiving injuries. Ephesians 4:32;
Colossians 3:13
- 22j) Forbearing. Ephesians 4:2
- 22k) Rebuking. Leviticus 19:17;
Matthew 18:15
- 23) Necessary to true happiness. Proverbs 15:17
- 24) The love of God is a motive to. John 13:34; 1 John 4:11
- 25) AN EVIDENCE OF
- 25a) Being in the light. 1 John 2:10
- 25b) Discipleship with Christ. John 13:35
- 25c) Spiritual life. 1 John 3:14
- 26) Is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:8-10; Galatians
5:14; James 2:8
- 27) Love to self is the measure of. Mark 12:33
- 28) Is good and pleasant. Psalms 133:1, 2
- 29) Is a bond of union. Colossians 2:2

- 30) Is the bond of perfectness. Colossians 3:14
- 31) Hypocrites, devoid of. 1 John 2:9, 11, 4:20
- 32) The wicked devoid of. 1 John 3:10
- 33) EXEMPLIFIED
- 33a) Joseph. Genesis 45:15
- 33b) Ruth. Ruth 1:16, 17
- 33c) Jonathan. I Samuel 20:17, 41, 42
- 33d) Obadiah. I Kings 18:4
- 33e) Centurion. Luke 7:5
- 33f) The Church. Acts 2:46; Hebrews 10:33, 34
- 33g) Lydia. Acts 16:15
- 33h) Aquila. Romans 16:3, 4
- 33i) Paul. 2 Corinthians 6:11, 12
- 33j) Epaphroditus. Philippians 2:25, 26, 30
- 33k) Philippians. Philippians 4:15-19
- 33l) Colossians. Colossians 1:4
- 33m) Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians 3:6
- 33n) Onesiphorus. 2 Timothy 1:16-18
- 33o) Philemon. Philemon 1:7-9
- 33p) Moses. Hebrews 11:25

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