

The Love Of God (Part 2)

1 John 4:7-21

Our Love For God

1 John 5:1-4

Motives Of Our Love For God

Matthew 22:37-38

- **Gratitude.**
 - Man's love for God should be motivated by what God has done for us. 1 John 4:9-10; cf. Romans 1:21
 - Psalms 118:19,21,28-29
 - Psalms 136:1-3,26
 - Psalms 138:1-2,4
 - Psalms 139:14

Motives Of Our Love For God

- God first loved you. 1 John 4:19
- God sent His Son to die for your sins. 1 John 4:10
- God created you. Psalms 139:13-14
- God sustains your life. Matthew 6:25-34
- God gives you escape from sinful temptations. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- God has prepared eternal life for those who love Him. 1 John 5:11-12

Obligations Of Our Love For God

We must live for Christ.

- 1 John 3:6-12; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 2:20
- "No longer I that live ..." Paul became insensible to the things of this busy world.
 - There was an intimate union between Christ and His people. 1 John 2:23; 4:15-16; cf. John 15:5-6.

Obligations Of Our Love For God

We must live for Christ.

- Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2
- Thessalonians turned from idols. 1 Thessalonians 1:9
- Ephesians burned their books. Acts 19:9
- Jailor "*washed their stripes.*" Acts 16:33
- Corinthians turned from former practices. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Obligations Of Our Love For God

We must love one another.

1 John 4:11; 20-21;
cf. John 13:34-35

- We must love one another for God to accept our love. 1 John 4:20-21
- We are to "put on love" to bind the body of Christ together. Colossians 3:14

Obligations Of Our Love For God

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10, "*But concerning love of the brethren ye have no need that one write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another; for indeed ye do it toward all the brethren that are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, that ye abound more and more"*

Romans 12:10, "*In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another*"

Hebrews 13:1, "*Let love of the brethren continue.*"

1 Peter 1:22, "*Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently"*

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Obligations Of Our Love For God

We must obey His commandments.

1 John 2:3ff; John 14:15, 21-24

- Loving one another is an essential part of obeying the truth. 1 John 4:20-21

1 Peter 1:22, "*Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently."*

Review: Obligations Of Our Love For God

- What obligations must we assume if we love God?
 1. We must live for Christ.
1 John 3:6-12
 2. We must love one another.
1 John 4:11; 20-21
 3. We must obey His commandments. 1 John 2:3-5; 5:2-3

Practical Side Of Love

1 Corinthians 13

- We Show Love! 1 John 3:16-18
 - Sacrifice, service, and spiritual growth are only beneficial when our deeds are driven by love for:
 1. God. Matthew 22:37-38
 2. Our neighbors. Matthew 22:39
 3. Our brethren. Romans 12:10
 4. Our families. Ephesians 6:1-4
 5. Our enemies. Matthew 5:44

Conclusion:

- **The Love Of God.**
 - Should obligate those outside of Christ to obey the gospel.
 - Should obligate those "in Christ" to be faithful in service, worship, and to one another.
 - God first loved us. 1 John 4:19
 - Do you love HIM? John 14:15