

## Lovest thou me?

How many of you love God? Alright, now how many of you are lying?

John 21:12-20 If you love the Lord, you'll do what God says. God told Peter to feed God's sheep with the word of God. If you love the Lord you will follow him. Period!

### What is love?

**God is love** (1 John 4:8)

**Love is giving** (John 3:16, 1 John 3:16).

God gave up his best for you have you given up anything for God? Don't sit there and tell me that after you've been saved the Holy Ghost hasn't told you you need to do and not do certain things. I don't buy it. The problem is you are rebellious and disobedient.

**Love is willing to die for others** (1 John 4:9-11)

God was willing to set aside his will and desires (last week's Bible study) for us: are you willing to set aside your will and desires for him?

**Love is sacrificial** (Genesis 22:2) \*First mention

It is willing to offer up your best to God at the drop of the hat if that's what God says. Are you willing to offer up your best to God?

**Love is longsuffering, kind, doesn't envy, it doesn't vaunt itself, not puffed up** (1 Corinthians 13:4)

**Love does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, not easily provoked, thinks no evil** (1 Corinthians 13:5)

**Love rejoices not in sin but rejoices in truth** (1 Corinthians 13:6)

**Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things** (1 Corinthians 13:7)

**Love never fails** (1 Corinthians 13:8)

### Do you really love God?

If any man love God, the same is known of him (1 Corinthians 8:3)

If you love God you will obey his words (John 14:15, 21-24)

### If you love God you will hate certain things:

1. The Lord hateth these seven things (Proverbs 6:16-19)
2. The Lord hateth those that serve other gods (Jeremiah 44:2-5; Deu 12:29-31)
3. The Lord hateth those that imagine evil hearts against his neighbor and love false oaths. (Zechariah 8:16-17)
4. The Lord hateth iniquity (Hebrews 1:8-9; Psalms 5:5)
5. The Lord hateth them that create an image. (Deu 16:22)
6. The Lord hateth the wicked and them that love violence (Psa 11:5)
7. Love not the world (1 John 2:15-17)

### If you love God you will love certain things:

1. The Lord loveth Israel. (Deu 7:7-8; Isa 63:9; Jer 31:3; 2 Chronicles 2:11)
2. The Lord loved the fathers of Israel. (Deu 4:37)
3. The Lord loveth Zion. (Psa 87:2)
4. The Lord loveth judgment. (Isa 61:8; Psa 37:28)

5. The Lord loveth righteousness. (Psalm 11:7; Psalm 33:5)
6. The Lord loveth the righteous and those that follow after it. (Psa 146:8; Pro 15:9)
7. The Lord loveth the individual. (Jhn 11:32-36; Mark 10:21)
8. The Lord loveth those that keep His commandments. (John 14:21)
9. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Cor 9:7)
10. The Father loveth the Son. (Jhn 10:17; 15:9; 17:26; Has 11:1)
11. God so loved the world. (Jhn 3:16; 1 Jhn 4:10)
12. The Father loveth you because you love His Son. (Jhn 16:27)
13. God loveth sinners. (Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:14; Eph 2:4-7; Heb 2:9; 1 Jhn 4:9-11)

If you love God, you would obey him and love what he loves and hate what he hates! God loved the church (Ephesians 5:25, Acts 20:28), do you attend THE RIGHT church faithfully? Not all churches are created equally! You pick a church based upon the word of God and where God tells you to go.

God loves preaching, he gets pleasure from it (1 Corinthians 1:21)! Do you?

**Other:**

How to continue in Christ's love (John 15:9-14)

The Father loves you because you love Jesus (John 16:27-28)

What your love does to Jesus Christ (Song of Solomon 4:8-10)

One of the greatest verses in the Bible (John 17:23)

God has loved the world as he has loved his Son – How About That!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1 John 4:20-21 – You can't say you love God and hate your brother

1 John 5:2 – We love God's children when we love God and keep his commandments

1 John 5:3 We love God when we keep his words gladly!

When it comes to our love for God, God is looking for obedience. He says if any man love me, he *will* keep my words. A man that keeps his commandments loves the Lord Jesus Christ and the Father that sent him. It really is that simple.

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