

Know God - Love, pt 2

Still looking for love in the right place

REVIEW

God is love

God expresses love

God's love described

God's love measured

Challenges to understanding God's love:

self-centered view of God's love

love as emotion vs. love as **verb**

3 commands

Undergirding principle (1 Jn 4:19)

We love because He first loved us.

God's love is not a matter of human behavior **modification**.

We can't love like this without God's **help**.

Love **God** (Deut 6:5; Mt 22:37-38)

Loving God demands **action**:

"If you love me, keep my commandments."

Love **neighbor** (Mt 22:39-40)

Who is my neighbor? (Lu 10:30-37)

It's easy to let our hearts get **hard** toward human need.

Love **each other** as Christ loved us (Jn 13:34-35; 1 Jn 4)

The mark of the Christian (Francis Schaeffer)

"It is possible to be a Christian without showing the mark, but if we expect non-Christians to know that we are Christians, we must show the mark."

Words without action **confuse** people as to God's love.

The church that is not growing in love is not **increasing** in the knowledge of God.

A specific subset (Eph 5:25)

Take it Home