

The Love of God

"Lord, that our eyes may be opened." So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him." Matthew 20:33-34

Why isn't there more love?

BECAUSE WE DON'T _____ LOVE

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8

LOVE IS LIKE _____

"that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:17-19

3 FACTS ABOUT LOVE

- 1. There is universal ______ for love
- 2. There is a universal ______to that need
- 3. There is a ______between need & solution

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S LOVE

**** GOD'S LOVE IS NOTHING LIKE _____ LOVE****

Major difference = _____ of love

1. GOD'S LOVE IS U_____

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." James 1:17

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

2. GOD'S LOVE IS U_____ "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love" Jeremiah 31:3

3. GOD'S LOVE IS U_____ "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood," Revelation 1:5

"Before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." John 13:1

HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

1.

_____ WITH TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

"...neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our lord." Romans 8:38-39

2.

_____ CHEAP SUBSTITUTES

" Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15

_____ THAT LOVE AWAY 3.

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:16-18

What more are you looking for???

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16