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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

Abram follows God (**Gen 12:1-3**)

##### PM Sermon:

VBS – Ruth shows her love

##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Daniel – D. Jackson

##### Wednesday Bible Class:

VBS

##### **In SEARCH of the Lord's Way**

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

##### **The Truth in Love** on Channel 47

Sundays @ 8am

##### Oologah Internet Radio Programs

Vance' Program on Wednesdays  
@ 6:15pm & Thursdays @ 6:15am

LIVE broadcast on Mondays @ 5pm

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## The Oologah Informer

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### **“What if you really loved God?”**

**By Russ Earl**

**“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the first commandment** (Mark 12:30 NKJV). You probably have read the previous verse thousands of times. Yet, do you really understand what it means to love God? Sure, many say they love God, believe they love God, or have convinced themselves they do. However, does that make it true?

#### **Love**

Love can be defined many ways and, over the years, it has been defined in various ways; scholars define love one way, politicians define love another, still family and friends define love another way. Some have said if you truly love someone, you will take care of them, pay attention to them, and really listen to them.

#### **Love for God**

A love for God has been declared by some to be a one-time act of “accepting” Christ into your heart. A love for God has been declared by some as helping the poor and those in poor health. A love for God by others has been defined as attending the services of the church every once in a while. Still, others will argue that a love for God is living a godly life. To understand what a love for God is, we must first understand God’s love for you and me.

#### **Biblical love for man**

**“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 NKJV). The Bible tells us that God loves us so much He sent His Son to die. His Word also tells us He did this while you and I were still in our sins – while you and I were still in our wretched, self-absorbed, sinful way of life!

**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”** (Romans 5:8 NKJV). God’s love is a sacrificial love. He loves us with a love that, let’s be honest, we do not deserve.

#### **Biblical love for God**

To love God is to follow Him daily. **“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny**

***himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me***” (Matthew 16:24 NJKV). You can almost see people today rolling their eyes and shaking their heads when you say such straight forward and biblical things. However, this statement is still true. Is it not? To love God is to lead others to Christ and to show them why they ought to love Christ as well. ***“So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him”*** (Acts 8:30-31 NKJV).

Do you really love God?  
Something to think about!