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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:

They Did Not Ask
(Joshua 9:1-6)

PM Sermon

Lessons from Psalms

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Paul Praschnik

Wednesday Bible Class:

James 2 - Chuck Northrop

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“To Love is to Obey”

You cannot love God and not obey Him.
Those who love God WANT to obey Him.
John 14:15

God and Love

By Russ Earl

(From the BibleWay Media digital magazine)

Much has been said about God and love. God's love is a topic that most enjoy. God's love for mankind is clearly seen throughout the Bible. In creation God shows His love for mankind by making him in His image (Genesis 1:26-27). In the Exodus of Egypt God's love is seen as He heard the cry of the people, knew of their sorrows and brought them out of Egypt with His mighty hand (Exodus 3-12).

God's love is seen in His promise of the coming Messiah who would save the obedient from their sins (Isaiah 53). God's love is seen in the establishment of the church. The church that is made up of the saved. The church that would see heaven one day (Matthew 16:18, Acts 2). God's love is seen in the church being purchased with blood of His Son (Acts 20:28).

The Bible tells us plainly in 1 John 4:8 that God is love, “He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” God is the example of true love. His love is seen in chastisement, in mercy, in blessings, in forgiveness, and in heaven being the home of the faithful.

God's love is demonstrated in the sacrifice of His Son on the cross for all mankind. Paul reminds us of this in Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” You do not die for those you do not love. You do not endure agony, ridicule and hardships beyond number unless you love those for whom you are suffering.

Without a doubt the most well-known Bible verse in relation to God's love is John 3:16, “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.” “So loved” refers to how much God loves mankind. This is not a small amount of love but such a tremendous amount that His love moved Him to sacrifice His Son. Imagine giving a child to die for others. To die for those who may or may not believe in you or your child. Who may or may not love you and your child. Yet the child dies as a sacrifice for all mankind, including those who were still in

unbelief (Romans 5:8). Suddenly love doesn't seem like a big enough word to describe what God has done for mankind.

The latter half of John 3:16 seems to remind us that because of what Christ and the Father has done for mankind there is no excuse for missing heaven. God's love and His mercy should bring mankind closer to God. Sadly, some attempt to use God's love as if He would excuse their sinful behavior. As if God's love would prevent Him from punishing sin, this is out of line with the word of God (as we'll discuss in the future).

God is the example of true love. God's love is perfect because no one understands true love more than God. He demonstrates true love over and over again, not only in 3 the Bible but still today. God is the author of love. He was the first to demonstrate love to mankind and in Heaven He will do so for all eternity. To Him be the glory!