



What is the Love of God like? (Part 1)(John 4:1-16)

Sunday, September 15, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

NOTE: Pastor David preached through the first three chapters of the Gospel of John from April 29 through June 10, 2018. If you are interested in reviewing these sermons, or hearing them for the first time, simply go to altavistabaptist.org... and click on sermons.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love... And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:7,8, 16)

1. THE LOVE OF GOD IS _____.

-John 3:16

2. THE LOVE OF GOD _____.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."
(Luke 19:10)

3. THE LOVE OF GOD OVERCOMES MAN-MADE

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Barrier #1: _____ BARRIER

Barrier #2: _____ BARRIER

Barrier #3: _____ BARRIER

Samaritan: The name given to the new and mixed inhabitants whom Esarhaddon (B.C. 677), the king of Assyria, brought from Babylon and other places and settled in the cities of Samaria, instead of the original inhabitants whom Sargon (B.C. 721) had removed into captivity (2 Kings 17:24; comp. Ezra 4:2, 9, 10). These strangers (comp. Luke 17:18) amalgamated with the Jews still remaining in the land, and gradually abandoned their old idolatry and adopted partly the Jewish religion. After the return from the Captivity, the Jews in Jerusalem refused to allow them to take part with them in rebuilding the temple, and hence sprang up an open enmity between them. They erected a rival temple on Mount Gerizim, which was, however, destroyed by a Jewish king (B.C. 130). They then built another at Shechem. The bitter enmity between the Jews and Samaritans continued in the time of our Lord: the Jews had "no dealings with the Samaritans" [Eastons Bible Dictionary]

4. THE LOVE OF GOD MEETS BOTH YOUR _____ NEED AND YOUR _____ NEED.

-Matthew 6:25-33

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1: What are some of your favourite love songs? Are one or more of those songs connected to a special memory or time in your life? If so, explain.
- Q2: If someone asked you what love is really like, where in the bible would you turn to find a picture or definition of love?
- Q3: Read and reflect upon Ephesians 3:14-19. What does this have to say to us about the love of God?
- Q4: Sometimes we pick and choose who to love. Who do you struggle to love? Why?
- Q5: What comes to your mind when you think of the word "pursuit"? How can a police pursuit be an illustration of how God pursues us in love?
- Q6: Study 1 John 3:11-24. What are some of the verbs/actions associated with love? What are some of the fruits/results of living in love?
- Q7: What are some barriers (current or past) in your life that may be hindering you from experiencing the totality of God's love?
- Q8: What are some "felt" needs in the lives of people God has brought across your path? Pray about those felt needs. Is there anything the Lord would also have you do?
- Q9: What are some "real" needs in the lives of people God has brought across your path? Pray about those real needs. Is there anything the Lord would also have you do?