

Love

I. Reminder: God's desire for His disciples Matthew 10:24-25

II. Of all the attributes/characteristics of God, which one stands out the most to you? Gracious, Kind, Merciful, Longsuffering, Holy, Righteous, Just....

1. Though there are many attributes the one that stands out above all others is that of Love.

2. Love distinguishes the God of the Bible from all the other gods that man worships.

III. Let's consider the Love of God

1. John 3:16, 1John 3:16, 4:10

2. God's Love is incomprehensible Ephesians 3:17-19, Romans 5:5-8

3. What helps us comprehend God's Love Ephesians 2:1-3; 11-18

With v. 4-8

IV. The reasons understanding the Love of God is so important

1. It is how we are to love God in response to His love for us

2. God's Love for us is the qualifier of how we are to love one another

John 13: 13-17; 34-35, John 14:15-21, John 15:12-13, 1John 3:16-18,

Ephesians 4:32

3. God's Love is what is to drive/motivates us 2Corinthians 5:14

4. Because persecution and suffering is promised to all of His disciples.

Importance of Ephesians 3:14-19, John 15:20; 17:14, Acts 14:22

5. The dangerous potential of leaving your first love Revelation 2:1-7

6. Prayer Ephesians 3:17-19; Romans 5:5