

The LOVE of GOD

The Love of God, Part 1 [February 13/14 Notes]

Psalm 136:26 NKJV; John 13:34-35 NKJV

1. There was the law of revenge.
2. "If you hurt me, I'll hurt you."
There was the law of retribution.
3. You could only do to your enemies what they had done to you.
4. Now there is the law of love, a radical new approach.
5. It means you don't strive to get even, you can choose to forgive instead.

John 13:34 NKJV; Romans 5:5 NKJV

6. Jesus commands us to love one another as He loved us and gave us the love to do it with.

I John 4:8 NKJV

7. Love is a fruit of the Spirit and can grow and be developed in our lives.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 NKJ; Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJV

8. This new commandment God writes on our hearts.

Romans 13:8-10 NKJV

9. When we keep the new commandment of love, we will keep the Ten Commandments.

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10. The Greek word for the love of God is agape.
 - Affection, benevolence
 - Seeks the welfare of all
 - Works no ill to any
12. It is not an impulse from feelings.
13. It expresses the deep and constant love and interest of a perfect being towards entirely unworthy objects.
14. If we knew how God really feels about us, we wouldn't be so critical of ourselves and others.
15. The problem is, we have never been loved by anyone the way God loves us, so we have nothing to compare it to.
16. There are no conditions to God's love except to receive it.

Ephesians 2:1-5 NKJV; Ephesians 5:25 NKJV

I Corinthians 13:4-8 NKJV; I Peter 3:1-4 NKJV

Weekly Bible Reading

[February 14-20]

This week, be intentional to continue your Bible reading. Consider reading along with Pastor Sam....

- **Sunday** Psalm 45, Proverbs 14, Luke 1, Acts 17, 2 Corinthians 13
- **Monday** Psalm 46, Proverbs 15, Luke 2, Acts 18, Galatians 1
- **Tuesday** Psalm 47, Proverbs 16, Luke 3, Acts 19, Galatians 2
- **Wednesday** Psalm 48, Proverbs 17, Luke 4, Acts 20, Galatians 3
- **Thursday** Psalm 49, Proverbs 18, Luke 5, Acts 21, Galatians 4
- **Friday** Psalm 50, Proverbs 19, Luke 6, Acts 22, Galatians 5
- **Saturday** Psalm 51, Proverbs 20, Luke 7, Acts 23, Galatians 6