

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE?
“Man’s Love for God”
1 John 5:1-5

INTRODUCTION

- A. Remember that *“Love is made known only by the action it prompts.”*
- B. God’s love for man is shown by:
 - 1. Blessings and joy.
 - 2. Discipline and chastisement.
- C. It is relatively easy to talk about our love for God.
 - 1. The proof is not shown by how many times we say, “Praise the Lord,” or “How much I love Jesus.”
 - 2. It is in the actions we do.

I. MAN’S LOVE FOR GOD IS SHOWN BY:

- A. Worship.
 - 1. 1 Chron. 16:8-13, 34-36, “Give thanks – glory in praise.”
 - 2. Ps. 48:9, Meditate in the temple.
 - 3. Ps. 103:1-12, Reasons for praise.
- B. Daily Living.
 - 1. Ps. 24:3-6
 - 2. Pr. 21:3, Be right and just.
 - 3. Micah 6:3-8, Act justly.
 - 4. Mt. 25:34-40, care for others.
 - 5. Heb. 6:9-12, helping others.
 - 6. 1 John 3:16-18, compassion.
- C. Obedience.
 - 1. Deut. 10:12-13
 - 2. Josh. 22:1-5, keep the commandments.
 - 3. John 14:15-24, love is obedience.
 - 4. 2 Tim. 1:13-14, keep pattern.

CLOSING

- A. We show love by worship but that’s probably the least desirable, if done by itself, Mt. 23:23-24.
- B. We show it ***better*** by practicing love for others, Mt. 25:45.
- C. We show it ***best*** by obedience.
 - 1. *“Love is made known only by the actions it prompts.”*
 - 2. A vocal statement of love for God sounds hollow without obedience.
 - 3. It encompasses all the above.
 - 4. There is actually no love without obedience, 1 Jn. 5:1-5.