

Every man's Search (Part 20: The Search for Love!)

Even God the Creator's Plan was a quest to love and to be loved!

John 3: 16-19

Love is a variety of different emotional and mental states.

Genesis 22: 2 "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou love..." This is the first time Love is mentioned in the Bible and it is the love for a child.

But God wanted Abraham to demonstrate that he loved God more than the child...

But God – LOVE DEMONSTRATED

John 3: 16-18 – Jesus came to give Love not Condemnation but if we reject His Love, we get condemnation!

What does Love look like? John 3: 16. Jesus was saying that by His visit to the earth the world would know what love looked like!

What is Love?

The Greek language has 6 words for Love:

1. Eros – romantic love
2. Philia – deep friendship love
3. Ludus – playful love
4. Pragma – longstanding love
5. Philautia – love of self
6. Agape – sacrificing love

What does Love look like?

- We know what Self-Love looks like and it usually is not pretty. However, Self-Love is necessary for Self-Preservation but should be something that should be a visitor and not a resident in your life.

We see Love demonstrated with 5 Love Languages discovered by Gary Chapman.

We have discovered that love comes in Levels...

We have discovered together that God has created 5 Love Levels.

But Jesus was asking for His followers to follow with level 5 and anything short of that would not do!

Luke 14: 25 “If any man come to me and hate not his father, and mother and wife and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14: 33 “So likewise, whosoever be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”

We have come to see that great blessings await the Human that comes to love God at level 5!

But how does one go from level 1 to level 5?

- 1. Natural affection** – Parent’s love is natural and any parent that does not love their child at level two cannot be a good parent... even most animals have that kind of love!
- 2. Nurturing love** – We use the 5 Love Languages to express and grow love!
- 3. Experience driven Love** – day-to-day endurance together working through struggles and in turn exhibiting the 5 love languages and in turn moving one’s relationship up the levels.
- 4. Knowledge Love** – Love that is driven by a Picture of Love
 - A woman and her facial scar
 - Jesus on the cross
- 5. Appreciation-Driven Love** – this is love driven by what someone has done. This is where God has hung His efforts.

1st John 4: 8-11

Even a dog that is rescued knows how to appreciate his rescuer!

This is why a Christian comes to Church/ We Worship the One who was willing to die for us even while we were sinners.

When we understand the monster of Sin, and the dead-end life we are facing without God’s rescuing hands of Jesus, we love Him for His first Love.

What can I do to move my child to Love God more that they love self, parents, all other objects of affection? I must first model this love before them and then set the examples of this kind of love before them in a constant declaration of what is right and good for a human being to aim at.