

1 JOHN

Lesson 5 - Love is Righteousness in Action

1 John 3:13-24

We continue our study of 1st John by looking at the subject of love and what true love is in God's terms. For this reason, I titled this lesson "Love is Righteousness in Action."

May God bless you as you continue with us in this study.

Please read 1 John 3:13-24, and then consider the following:

1. After reading 1 John 3:13-24, what does John tell us about how we are to "love?" (see 1 John 3:18)

2. How did Christ love us? (see 1 John 3:16)

3. Read James 1:22-25. What is James telling us about being Christians? Specifically, what does he say about hearing the word of God?

4. If love means doing something, then what are we specifically to "do" in order to love as Christ loved us? Read Matthew 5:43-48 and Matthew 7:12-27. List each thing Christ tells us to do as his followers.
 - a. Matthew 5:43-48

 - b. Matthew 7:12-27

5. In light of what we have just studied in the verses above, what is John teaching us about in 1 John 3:17? What is his point in this verse?

6. What is the greatest commandment, and what is the second greatest commandment? Why? See Matthew 22:34-40.

7. What are some examples of love in action that you can find in the Bible?

8. Righteous love, i.e., the kind of love God has for us, requires us to do many things, some of which we may not naturally want to do. Read the following chapters and list the things done in love that are common in all three stories: Genesis Chapters 33 and 45, and Numbers Chapter 12.

Have a great week everyone.

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