

Biblical Answers: Week 22

Love

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

- Love is a fundamental _____ of who God is. Everything God does is influenced by his love.
- God shows that love in acts of loving care and _____, on behalf of the objects of His love.
- Spirit and light are expressions of His essential nature; love is the expression of His _____ corresponding to His nature.
- Christianity is the only religion that sets forth the Supreme Being as _____. In heathen religions, He is set forth as a _____ being and in constant need of appeasing.

So what does love look like?

The three prominent Greek words of that day were

1. _____--a selfless love of one person for another without sexual implications and is _____ in nature.

Characteristics of this kind of love:

- It's an _____ love
- It's an _____ love
- It's an _____ love
- It's a reflecting _____ love

2. _____--an _____ love or a brotherly love we have for one another.

3. _____

- The object of God's love is first and foremost _____ .
The genesis of man's salvation lies in the love and _____ of God.
- The _____ of God's love
 - In Scripture God is always seen manifesting His _____ in behalf His people in the time of their wilderness journeying and their captivity.
 - God's loving _____ and chastisement are necessary, often times, for growth in holiness and righteousness.

What do we learn?

1. The saved man is able to see his fellow-man as God sees him, and _____ him as God values him.
2. _____ is the greatest way to show the love of God to others.

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3. Every _____ must learn how to let God love them. His love compels us to love others and His love enables us to be loved by God.
4. Love from God requires that we remain _____ to that love.
5. _____ allows the change to come from the heart of God to my spirit.