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*Love is the Only Way*

The Power of Love – Part 5

I John 3

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Q. How do you like to receive love?

Q. How do you like to show love?

*“We must discover the power of love, the power, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that we will be able to make of this old world a new world. We will be able to make men better. Love is the only way.”*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. The Power of Accepting God’s Love. (I John 3:1-10)

I John 3:1-3 *See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

3 Results of Receiving God’s Love in Your Life.

1. We become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 1)
2. We will become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 2)
3. We purify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 3)

I John 3:4:10 *Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. 7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.*

1. From Practicing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 4-6)
2. For Practicing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 7-10)
3. The Power of Showing God’s Love. (I John 3:11-24)

I John 3:11-18, 23 *For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; 12 not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth… 23 This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How have you experienced the power of God’s love in your life?
2. How do you receive God’s love?
3. How do you express love to God?
4. How do you share God’s love with others?
5. How have you seen God’s love change the world?
6. How have you seen God’s love change you?