

IV. SHARE GOD'S LOVE

"20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also." I John 4:20-21

A. Share God's love in your home.

"25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33

B. Share God's love in your church.

"fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Philippians 2:2

C. Share God's love in your hard relationships.

"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,"

Luke 6:27

D. Share God's love in your community.

"If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;"

James 2:8

Receive God's Love

BEST RELATIONSHIPS EVER

Best Love Ever

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INTRODUCTION

A. The quality of your relationships determines the quality of your life! But the reality is...

Relationships can be hard. You may be lonely and lack relationships. On the other hand you may have relationships, but they are often unhealthy.

But imagine a life filled with a positive network of people that provide mutual happiness. You having a web of relationships that provide comfort and encouragement.

"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."

I Thessalonians 5:11

God desires to strengthen your well being through relationships.

B. Attend this teaching series and discover how to apply simple steps from the Bible for your best relationships ever! Here are the relationships that we will explore during this series:

Feb 26	Best Friendship Ever
Mar 5	Best Marriage Ever
Mar 12	Best Coworkers/Schoolmates Ever
Mar 19	Best Family Ever
Mar 26	Best Church Ever
TODAY	Best Love Ever

C. Text: I John 4:7-21

God's love for us is the best love ever!

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

John 15:13

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,"

Ephesians 2:4

HOW TO HAVE THE BEST LOVE EVER

I. RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE

A. God is love.

"...for God is love." I John 4:8b

B. You will share in God's nature of love if you are born again.

"7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God,..."

I John 4: 7-8a

"3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'" John 3:3-7

II. UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

A. The sacrifice of Jesus was unsolicited.

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." I John 4:9

"All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6

B. The sacrifice of Jesus was undeserved.

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." I John 4:10

"6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:6-8

III. EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE

A. You will experience confidence in life.

"13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world." I John 4:13-14

"14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God," Romans 8:14-16

B. You will experience confidence in death.

"Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world." I John 4:17

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," Hebrews 9:27