

★ Biblical Love

Fellowship with the Father

Lesson 10

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: I John

Study Guide: Read "Biblical Love: Fellowship with the Father" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 2*.

Lesson Objective: Tragedy is the result when the things of this world, such as drink, drugs, and ungodly music, are used as substitutes for the love and fellowship of God. Tragedy can be transformed into triumph through knowing God and His saving love and power.

Lesson Application: I will not be deceived by the world. I will accept the love of my Heavenly Father. I will love God and other Christians.

Memory Verse: I John 4:11



"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART..."

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

—I John 4:11

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Daisy

Teacher Tips

Never stop learning!
Always be looking for new ideas.

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One of the most amazing emotions that God gave to us is love. Many poets and writers have written countless poems and stories about love. Love is a very powerful and deep concept. The Bible tells us that love “covers a multitude of sins.” It also says that perfect love “casteth out fear.” The power of true love can do many things.

The world tries to tell us what love is. But really, what the world tells us about love is not true love. It is not the right kind of love. The kind of love that the world offers will never satisfy us completely. It will always feel good temporarily, but it will eventually leave us feeling empty.

The book of I John teaches us about the love of the world, and the love of God. There is a huge difference, and it is very important that we understand the difference. This lesson is about love.

Love of the World

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

—I John 2:15-17

Many magazines and posters have pictures of beautiful movie stars and singers who seem to be perfect. They always look like everything they have is perfect, and it seems like they have very happy lives. But these people are very unhappy on the inside. They try to find love in happiness from the world.

Loving the world is a waste of time, money, and effort. Although it may make you happy for a short while, in the end, you will feel empty, unsatisfied, and unloved. People waste time on the internet, money on possessions they don't really need, and effort trying to accomplish things that won't last. The book of James tells us that life is but a vapor. Life lasts only a little while, and then it ends.

Love of the Father

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know

that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

—I John 3:1-3

When we love the things of the world, we invest our lives into them, but they never gives back. The things of world have no love for us. But God's love is different.

God's love gives us salvation! He gives us peace and true happiness and eternal life with Him in heaven! No matter how much we give to God, He always gives back to us more than we could ask.

Love for the Brethren

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

—I John 3:10-11

The Bible tells us that instead of loving the world which will never bring us joy, we should accept God's love for us and love the brethren, which means we are to love other Christians.

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

—I John 4:21

The Bible commands us to love other Christians. We can show love for others by caring for them and helping them. We shouldn't talk bad about other Christians or criticize them. Doing so is not right, and it is not showing love.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

—I John 4:11

The most important reason that we need to love others is because God loves us. If God loves us, even though we are sinful and make many mistakes, we should love others. We want to be like God in every way we can!

Conclusion

Every person in the world has a desire to be loved. We like to have attention from friends and family. But it is important that we get the right kind of attention. God's love is greater than any love that anyone could ever give you. He loves us so much, He sent His Son to die for us. The Bible says that no man shows greater love than he who gives his life.

So, if God loves us more than anyone else, in spite of who we are, we should be willing to live for Him and love others, as He loves us.