



INTRODUCTION: RECKLESS LOVE

I. We All Want Love

- We are all born with the desire to have somebody love us.
- We would do almost anything to have somebody love us.
- The question is why?
- Answer: Whatever is love is valued.
- We all have the need to be valued.
- Studies show Children perform better when they are valued.
- Value breeds confidence and drives out fear.
- When we feel loved and valued and appreciated, it gives us the boldness to be ourselves and live our life fully!

II. The Problem With Modern Love Is...

- Culture has contaminated our view of love.
- Society's view of love is shallow, selfish and superficial.
- We see love as a feeling or as an emotion.
- We see love as what you can do for me or how it makes me feel.

Text: I John 4:7-12

GOD'S LOVE

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.

III. Four Types of Love

1. Eros - romantic or physical love
2. Phileo - brotherly love
3. Storage - Family love
4. Agape - Godly love

A. Truth Is:

- Many of us have been hurt or disappointed by the first three types of love
- Only the fourth loss is guaranteed to never hurt or harm you
- Our mistakes and failures do not change the value that we have in God's eyes
- Agape love, loves you no matter what you have done what has been done to you

IV. **God is Love**

- Any conversation about love must start and end with God.
- God defines himself with the word love.
- God is love.
- Love comes from Him.
- *God loves us not because we are loveable but because He is love. And because He is love, He can only will what is best for us, which is to be transformed into a being of holy love like Himself. He will settle for nothing less.- C.S Lewis*

A. **Love** - is seeking the best for another.

B. **Love Explains Why:**

1. God Creates - because he loves he creates people to love.
2. we are given Free Choice - God wants a loving response from us.
3. God cares - because he loves he cares for all people.
4. Christ died for us - His love for us caused Him to offer a solution to the sin problem.
5. we receive Eternal Life - He wants to express His love to us forever..

V. **Real Love Must Be:**

1. **Demonstrated** - i.e. I must show my wife that I love her not just say I love her
 - a. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."Romans 5:8 NIV

2. **A Choice**

- a. "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—
"Ephesians 1:4-5 NIV

3. Sacrificial

- a. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." - 1 John 4:10 NIV

VI. Reckless or Relentless Love

- God is obsessed with you!!!!
- I want you to understand God's love personally and not just universally.
- **GOD LOVES YOU!!**
- God does not love you after...You get your life altogether.
- God does not love you until....He finds someone better than you.
- God does not love you if....you can walk the straight and narrow.
- There is nothing you can do to get God to love you MORE and there is nothing you can do to get God to love you LESS.

A. GOD LOVES YOU PAST:

1. Your **PAST** - Nothing in your past disqualifies you from the love of God.
2. Your **PAIN** - There is no broken place that God's love cannot heal.
3. Your **PROBLEM** - Your Struggle is not greater than the Savior's Love.
God's love can not only help you IN it He can save you FROM it.
4. Your **PERFORMANCE** - You can't Earn God's Love

B. Luke 15: 20 - 24

20 So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him. 21 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" So they began to celebrate.

1. God's love sees us while we are a long way off.
2. God's love pursues us.
3. God's love provides the best for us.

C. Easter Is God's Proof that:

1. You are loved.
2. You are forgiven.
3. You are approved.
4. You are accepted.

D. Romans 8:31-35, 37- 39 NIV

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [k] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To receive this love give your life to Jesus Today!