

## Lesson 2-6 Being Loved

1. In lesson 2-4 we discussed loving God and in lesson 2-5 we discussed loving our neighbor. So now we need to discuss what we can do to be loved, this will help others love us. Why not make it easy for them?

2. List 5 characteristics of the lovable people with whom you like to associate and are easy to love.

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3. Read:

**John 13:34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

**John 13:35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Ephesians 4:2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love ...

**1 John 3:11** For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

The apostle John was known as John the Beloved. His books (Gospel of John, I John, II John, and III John) contain many of Jesus' teachings on the subject of Love and being love.

4. Does God promise that everyone will love you?

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5. Does God want everyone to love you?

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6. Does God want everyone in your church to love you?

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7. Does God command everyone in your church to love you no matter your lovability?

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8. I Corinthians 13 is known as the love chapter in the Bible. It shows us how to love, but it also shows us how to be loved. Read it from the viewpoint of how to be loved:

Read:

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

1 Corinthians 13:5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

1 Corinthians 13:6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

1 Corinthians 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

1 Corinthians 13:10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

9. Is it easier to love someone who is boastful or someone who is humble?

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10. Which one are you?

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11. Is it easier to love someone who is kind or someone who is exact?

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12. Which one are you?

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13. Is it easier to love someone who pushes their own ideas or someone who is interested in your ideas?

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14. Which one are you?

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15. Is it easier to love someone who is intelligent or someone who is merciful.

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16. Which one are you?

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17. would you rather be a member of church that has great preaching and music or a church that is full of love?

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18. Have you ever not loved someone who has loved you?

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19. Are you willing to put some effort into being loved?

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20. To do: Using the Bible as our guide, the following is a prescription for loving and being loved: (take one per week and work on it, put some effort into it, then grade yourself on how you did. If you have an accountability partner, ask them how you are doing on that item.)

- a. Be patient
- b. Be kind
- c. Don't envy (want others to do well)
- d. Don't boast
- e. Don't be rude
- f. Don't push your own agenda (be considerate of other people's ideas and values)
- g. Control your anger
- h. Forgive everyone for everything
- i. Rejoice in truth and all things
- k. Bear all things
- l. Always believe - in God
- m. Always hope - in God
- n. Always love - don't give up
- o. Don't scorn
- o. Show mercy
- p. Act justly
- q. walk humbly with God

21. If you do these things you will be loved. Christians must love you no matter what, but this will make it more enjoyable for them and you. Also, non-Christians will love and respect you and you will be a better witness.

22. **Conclusion: we have the ability to love and be loved. The prescription for both is in the word.**