



Title | Loving Him Who First Loved Us

Series | Guest Speaker

Text | Topical

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Sermon Notes

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ESV

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ESV

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ESV

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us. ESV

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. ESV

John 14:15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ESV

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ESV

1 John 2:15-16 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ESV

Big Idea:

1 John 4:19: We love because he first loved us. ESV

For Reflection & Application:

Monday: Read 1 John 4:10, Romans 5:8, and 1 John 4:19. Are you persuaded that God loved you first, before you loved him? What is the significance of God loving us first? Is it comforting to know this?

Tuesday: Read John 13:34, 14:15, and 15:13. Within your circle of relatives and friends, are there people you can and should love more? Who comes to mind? What are you going to do about it?

Wednesday: Read John 13:34-35, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17, and Romans 8:38-39. What do these passages mean to you?

Thursday: Read John 13:34, 14:15, and 15:13. Try listing the ways you have not, in the past, loved God and others as you should and can. Plan to take appropriate action.

Friday: Read 1 John 2:15-16 and Matthew 6:19-21. Do you see a connection between these passages? Try to apply these two passages to your life. Are there any changes you should make?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you so much that you loved us first. Thank you that because of your love, we can love you in return and love others. Help us to learn how to better love from you. And Lord, we love you.
Amen.