

Showing God's Love to the World
1 John 3:16-18
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Thesis: How can we properly show God's love to the world?

Introduction

- I. First, we show the world the love we have for one another (1 Cor 13:1-3)
 - A. Love requires us to be selfless
 1. 2 Corinthians 8:5
 - B. Love requires us to think the best of others
 1. Psalm 19:14
 - i. "words & mediation of my heart"
 - C. Love requires us to love difficult people
 1. Matthew 5:46
 2. Romans 15:1-2
 - i. Difficult people – do not need a definition
 - a. Let's be self-aware and not behave like a difficult person
- II. Second, we show the world our concern for them.
 - A. Compassion
 1. Matthew 14:14, 21
 - B. Love
 1. John 15:12
 - C. Truth
 1. Truth leads man to God (Psalm 43:3)
 - i. Only light and truth is mentioned here as what leads man to God.
- III. Things that hinder us showing God's love for others.
 - A. Lack of love for our own
 1. 1 John 3:17-18
 - B. Lack of love hinders truth
 1. Truth in love (Eph 4:14-15)
- IV. Lessons for us today.
 - A. Lessons for us today
 1. We must love properly before we can show God's love to others
 2. We must show love and compassion for others and not seek it only for ourselves.
(Lam 3:22-23)
 - a. God is our greatest example, He is constantly showing compassion on us.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Do you have work to do in the area of showing love for others?

2. Are you prepared to show God's love to others?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9