

He First Loved Us

Overview: God's love toward us is revealed in Jesus who is the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins. The blood of Jesus has washed away all our sins and made us righteous. We now live our life out of that righteousness by His grace to transform us and the world around us. Believe the love of God. Our response to His great love is to love Him; we love Him, because He first loved us.

A. Set free from Sin

1. We love God because He first loved us and gave us Jesus. 1 John 4:19; 4:9-10
2. Your sins have been forgiven. Luke 24:47
3. More than that you have been given the gift of righteousness. Rom 5:17
4. Grace reigns through righteousness unto life. Rom 5:21
5. Whoever is born of God does not commit sin. 1 John 3:4-9
6. Results of Jesus being the satisfaction for our sins.
 - Able to save us to the uttermost. Heb 7:25
 - Our conscience has been washed clean so we can live for God. Heb 9:14
 - He perfected forever them that are sanctified. Heb 10:14
7. Develop a heart of righteousness. Heb 5:12-14, 1 Pet 2:24
8. Live in the liberty of the ministry of righteousness. 2 Cor 3:7-9, 17-18
9. Forgive yourself, God has. 1 John 1:9
10. Know and believe the love of God 1 John 4:16

B. We Love Him

1. Fall in love with your daddy God. Rom 8:15
2. If you love me you will keep my commandments. John 14:21
3. Seek the things above. Col 3:1
4. Set your affections on things above, for you are dead in Him. Col 3:2-3
5. Live for Him not for yourself. Gal 2:20
6. Love not the world. 1 John 2:15
7. Rooted and grounded in love. Eph 3:16-19

C. Love One Another

1. If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11
2. See others through the lens of God's love for them. 1 John 4:11-12, 20-21
3. Love for each other shows the reality of God's light, righteousness, life and truth in our lives. 1 John 2:7-10; 3:10; 3:14-16; 3:18-19