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Sunday, June 1, 2014

**“LOVING GOD”**

(Revelation 2:1-7)

What does it really mean to love God? When asked, most people would say they love God. Is that affirmation all that love calls for? What does loving devotion to the Lord God look like in daily life? What steps can we take to love God the way He deserves to be loved?

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30, ESV).*

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**If we are to really love God, there are some things we must do:**

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“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Psalm 103:8, ESV).

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

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8, ESV).

“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19, ESV).

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35-39, ESV).

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- God wants me to love Him **thoughtfully**.
- God wants me to love Him **passionately**.

*“For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings” (Hosea 6:6, NIV).*

- God wants me to love Him **practically**.

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23, NIV).*

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*“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them” (Acts 20:28-30, ESV).*

**If we are to really love God, there are some things we must do:**

**Remember**

**Repent**

**Return**