
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, January 5, 2020

“Upgrade: A God-Pleasing Life”

(Mark 12:30-31)

Welcome to the first Sunday of 2020! Our new series focuses on “upgrading” our relationship to God. There are blessings to be found in a life focused on pleasing God above all else.

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Five Things the Bible Says About Love:

1. We love because _____ (1 John 4:7-8, CSB).

2. Love is a _____ (Deuteronomy 30:20, NLT).

3. Love is an _____ (1 John 3:18, CSB).

4. Love is a skill _____ (1 John 4:7, LB).

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1. We love because God loves us.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love” (1 John 4:7-8, CSB).

“We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19, CSB).

2. Love is a choice and a commitment.

“Choose to love the Lord your God...and commit yourself to him” (Deuteronomy 30:20, NLT).

3. Love is an action not just emotion.

“Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth” (1 John 3:18, CSB).

“Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first” (Revelation 2:5, CSB).

4. Love is a skill.

“Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better” (1 John 4:7, LB).

5. Love is a habit.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them” (Luke 6:32, CSB).

“Let brotherly love continue” (Hebrews 13:1, CSB).

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test” (2 Corinthians 13:5, CSB).

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