

Our Love For God

1 John 5:1-4

Motives Of Our Love For God Mt. 22:37-38

■ Gratitude.

- Man's love for God should be motivated by what God has done for us. 1 John 4:9-10; cf. Rom. 1:21
- Ps. 118:19,21,28,29
- Ps. 136:1,2,3,26
- Ps. 138:1,2,4
- Ps. 139:14

Motives Of Our Love For God

- God first loved you. 1 John 4:19
- God sent His Son to die for your sins. 1 John 4:10
- God created you. Psalms 139:13-14
- God sustains your life. Mt. 6:25-34
- God gives you escape from sinful temptations. 1 Cor. 10:13
- God has prepared eternal life for those who love Him. 1 John 5:11-12

Obligations Of Love

We must live for Christ. 1 John 3:6-12; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Gal. 2:20

- "No longer I that live..." Paul became insensible to the things of this busy world.
- There was an intimate union between Christ and His people. 1 John 2:23; 4:15-16; cf. John 15:5-6.

We must live for Christ.

- Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2
- Thessalonians turned from idols. 1 Thess. 1:9
- Ephesians burned their books. Acts 19:9
- Jailer "washed their stripes." Acts 16:33
- Corinthians turned from former practices. 1 Cor. 6:9-11

Obligations Of Love

We must love one another. 1 John 4:11; 20-21; cf. John 13:34-35

- We must love one another for God to accept our love. 1 John 4:20-21
- We are to "*put on love*" to bind the body of Christ together. Col. 3:14

Rom 12:10 In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another;

Heb 13:1 Let love of the brethren continue.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren , love one another from the heart fervently:

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Obligations Of Love

We must obey his commandments.

1 John 2:3ff; John 14:15, 21-24

➤ Loving one another is an essential part of obeying the truth. **1 John 4:20-21**

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Review Obligations Of Love

■ What obligations must we assume if we love God?

1. We must live for Christ. **1 John 3:6-12**
2. We must love one another. **1 John 4:11; 20-21**
3. We must obey his commandments. **1 John 2:3-5; 5:2-3**

Practical Side Of Love

1 Cor. 13

■ We Show Love! **1 John 3:16-18**

- Sacrifice, service & spiritual growth are only beneficial when our deeds are driven by love for:
 1. God (**Mt. 22:37-38**).
 2. Our neighbors (**Mt. 22:39**).
 3. Our brethren (**Rom. 12:10**).
 4. Our families (**Eph. 6:1-4**).
 5. Our enemies (**Mt. 5:44**).

Conclusion:

■ The Love Of God.

- Should obligate those outside of Christ to obey the gospel.
- Should obligate those “in Christ” to be faithful in service, worship and to one another.
- God first loved us. **1 John 4:19**
- Do you love HIM? **John 14:15**