

ADDICTED TO LOVE #3 slides

Jesus' love for us is all consuming.

Romans 5:6-8, 9 “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

David Gooding, “In the School of Christ”, p. 160, “HE does not seek to get His desired results by acting the slave master and driving us to carry out His commands in blind, uninformed, unthinking obedience.”

1 John 3:17-18 “But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

1 John 1:1-2 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us...”

Jesus' love for us is selective.

Protestant Reformer, **Martin Luther**, The Bondage of the Will. “Human beings are not free to choose salvation on their own due to being enslaved by sin; instead, their will is bound to sin and incapable of choosing good for salvation without divine intervention.”

Romans 3:10-11 “...as it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.’”

Ephesians 1:4-5 “...even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...”

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 “For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.”