

# The Three Loves of a Disciple

(2 Peter 1:2-8)

**Introduction:** In the Great Commission, Jesus wanted His apostles to make disciples (Matt 28:19-20). Jesus wants us to learn from Him (cf. Matt 11:28-30). Discipleship involves many things, but especially that we love (cf. 2 Peter 1:5-8). How can we best manifest our love?

## I. Three Loves \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Loves the \_\_\_\_\_
1. Jesus taught we should love God - Matt 22:37
  2. Loving God must also mean loving His Son - 1 John 5:1
  3. Jesus expressed the same thought as John, but conversely - John 15:23
- B) Loves the \_\_\_\_\_
1. Jesus made this love a mark of true discipleship - John 13:34-35
  2. John made it a sign of spiritual life - 1 John 3:14; cf. 1 John 2:9-11
- C) Loves the \_\_\_\_\_
1. God the Father certainly loved the lost - John 3:16
  2. Jesus likewise had compassion for the lost - Matt 9:35-38
  3. Paul had great concern for the lost - Rom 10:1; cf. 1 Cor 9:19-22

## II. Three Loves \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Through \_\_\_\_\_
1. This is how we can best demonstrate our love for God
  2. Assuming that our worship is in harmony with what Jesus revealed
    - a. That it is in Spirit and truth - John 4:23-24
    - b. Includes keeping His commandments - John 14:15,21,23; 15:10
  3. We are to worship God in two ways:
    - a. Through our public assemblies - Heb. 10:24-25
    - b. Through our private devotions - e.g., Matt 6:6
- B) Through \_\_\_\_\_
1. This is how we can best demonstrate our love for the brethren
  2. By not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together - Heb. 10:24-25
  3. We are to fellowship with one another in two ways:
    - a. By coming together as a church, for the Lord's Supper and other means of edification - cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 14:26
    - b. By extending hospitality to one another - cf. 1 Peter 4:8-9
- C) Through \_\_\_\_\_
1. There is no better way to show love for the lost
  2. Jesus manifested His compassion in this way
    - a. By teaching the lost - Matt 9:35-36
    - b. By calling for prayer in behalf of the lost - Matt 9:37-38
    - c. By developing and sending forth laborers - Matt 10:1,5-7
  3. We can show our concern for the lost in similar ways
    - a. Through personal evangelism - e.g., 1 Peter 3:15; John 1:45-46
    - b. Through supporting foreign evangelists - cf. Rom 10:14-15

**Conclusion:** We go a long way to becoming true disciples of Jesus. We go a long way in demonstrating such love. Many Christians love only partially. No matter how much we love as disciples of Christ, we can always improve.

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