

“Understanding the Love of God”

1 John 4:7-11

Introduction

- I. It is important that every person knows that God loves him.
- II. However, we should not allow ourselves to misunderstand God's love.
- III. Some have ideas about God's love that do not adhere to Scriptures, and we will study some of them.

Discussion

- I. God's love does not excuse wrong doing (Col. 3:23).
 - A. Paul was not shy about his past, and even acknowledged that he committed wrong with a clean conscience (Acts 23:1; 22:1-16).
 - B. Sincerity does not excuse obedience, nor does God's love (Matt. 7:21-23; 1 John 5:3).
 - C. Yes, we have all sinned, but God does not forgive without repentance (Rom. 3:23; Acts 17:30-31).
- II. God's love does not ignore false worship (John 4:23-24).
 - A. Many attempt to worship God in ways that please themselves, but worship should first and foremost please God (Lev. 10:1-2; Matt. 15:7-9).
 - B. God expects us to do as He has authorized, then and only then will God be pleased (Col. 3:17; John 14:15).
- III. God's love does not change the truth of Hell (Mark 9:43-48).
 - A. Judgment will be based on His word and our obedience thereof (John 12:48; 2 Cor. 5:10).
 - B. Those who fail the Judgment will suffer in Hell (Rev. 20:15; 21:8; Heb. 10:26-31).

Conclusion

- I. It is absolutely true that God loves all of us (John 3:16).
- II. We must return His love with obedience and faithfulness.