

Is Love Necessary For Salvation?

Introduction

Who is God? Is He Love or Just? Both implies they are two independent things. Can you have love without justice or justice without love?

What is salvation? Is it just one act of faith? Is it a series of acts? Is it a way of life?

Opening Illustration –

1. What is love? 1 Corinthians 13:1-10;
 - a. It's a choice. Proverbs 17:9;
 - b. It's a sacrifice. John 15:13
 - c. It's a covering. Proverbs 10:12; Colossians 3:14
 - d. It does no wrong. Romans 13:10
2. What the Bible teaches about love.
 - a. Love is supreme. Mark 12:28-31; 1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 Peter 4:8; Colossians 3:14
 - b. God is the source of love.
 - i. For salvation of the lost. 1 John 4:19; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-5;
 - ii. For those who believe. Deuteronomy 7:9; Proverbs 8:17; Micah 7:18-19; 1 John 3:1;
 - iii. To be an example. 1 John 3:16;
 - iv. To produce fruit in us. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 5:22-23;
 - v. For assurance in difficult times. Romans 5:1-5;
 - c. We are called to love.
 - i. Like Christ. John 13:34-35;
 - ii. In everything. 1 Corinthians 16:14;
 - iii. The greatest thing. Matthew 22:36-40;
 - iv. To overcome sin. 1 Peter 4:8;
 - v. Even our enemies! Luke 6:35;
3. Is love necessary for salvation? _____
 - a. He who loves will be loved by my Father. John 14:15-24
 - b. He who does not love does not know God. 1 John 4:7-21

Closing Illustration –

Closing Thought