

Impartial Love

John 17:23 I in them and you in me-so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you send me and have loved them as you have loved me.

Introduction: How much do you love your dog?

Text: The last part of v.23 is most extraordinary.

- God's Love for us is in the Same Measure as is exercised in the same way as His Love for Christ

Not "because" but "Just as"!!! "To the same degree"

For us to say that would PRESUMPTIOUS=

We Can't love like that

HE TELLS US HE DOES!!!

Hymn – "The Love of God" Each person is special

I. The Scope of God's Love

Note: The love God had for Jesus -what is that like?

1. God's love is infinite! No limits on God in His love.

ILL. The sky is the limit for grandchildren.

Limits would have denied the cross to Christ!

God is available – any time, any place, any where

2. God's Love is Eternal! Without end!!!

Can you imagine the Father ceasing to love Jesus Christ?

Easier to think of the universe simply dissolving!

God's Love for Jesus Christ WILL NOT CEASE!

Malachi 3:6 "I the Lord do not change"

He knows us – nothing- not even sin – can stop God's love.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all Creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. God's Love is Perfect!

Family, **Marriages**, Neighbors – **fall apart** –
overindulgence, **Inconsistent**, spoiled – **LOVE FAILS**
God loves perfectly, with wisdom and consistency.

Romans 8:28 **And we know that in all things**
God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been **called according to His purpose.**

II. Does God So Love? **Nitty, gritty** Really? YES!

Calvary – John 3:16 **Supreme Gift** For God so Loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever Believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

God's love is shown by Christ's Death on a cross!

I John 4:10 This is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

God Himself SENT Jesus to die for us.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

III. Security. Consequences of such love for us personally!

Love gives security – for the future day of judgment.

ILL. Family examples abound- love without bounds

I John 4:17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of Judgment, because in this world we are like Jesus.

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

IV. Love for Others. God loves us as He Loves His Son. We must therefore love others as He loved Jesus Christ.

I John 4:7 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God... Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Conclusion: Look again at verse 23

“...You sent me and **have loved them**
even as you have loved me”