

## LOVING THE GOD OF LOVE

The reality of our faith/salvation is test by WHO or WHAT we love

1A. Love requires a CHOICE 1:2-4

1B. This choice is made BEFORE it is put to the test

2B. This choice is returned to WHILE it is put to the test

3B. This choice will enable you to see the relationship between the  
TEST and the intended RESULT.

2A. Love reveals our PERSPECTIVE 1:5-11

1B. The revelation of a TRUE perspective – who or what do we love?

1C. a true perspective of what we are EXPERIENCING and what we  
need to BECOME.

2C. a true perspective of our ABILITY to UNDERSTAND how to use  
what we know and are experiencing.

3C. a true perspective of how we live within our VALUE system  
in light of what we are EXPERIENCING

2B. The revelation of a FALSE perspective – who or what do we love?

Personal peace in the place of a love for who God is and what he is doing.

1C. a false perspective causes us to AVOID what God is doing  
while causing us to think we are what He wants us to BECOME

2C. a false perspective creates a false ASSUMPTION that we KNOW  
whatever is necessary to MEET anything we might encounter.

3C. a false perspective cause us to expect God to adopt OUR VALUE  
system as His own.

3A. Love is REWARDED when TESTED 1:12

1B. A CONSISTENT and FAIR appraisal of our endurance

2B. A MEANINGFUL, fulfilling, OBVIOUS reward for our  
endurance.

3B. A continual reminder of His FAITHFULNESS to His WORD  
for future tests we must endure.

4B. The blessing of knowing we have fulfilled His WILL, passed the  
test, and are BECOMING what He wants us to be.

#### APPLICATIONS:

1. Have you ever exhibited a love for God so that you have confidence that you are really born again?
2. Have you ever made the choice to accept, WITH JOY, what God will do and what he wants you to become?
3. In what area of your life would you rather enjoy personal peace in the place of loving God?