

Do You Love Jesus?

1 Peter 1

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:
May grace and peace be multiplied to you.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,
8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory,

- Peter describes/specifies who he is talking to.
- Those who are kept through faith, faith that is proved genuine. They have placed their TRUST in Him, PROVED Him faithful!
- **Who having not seen... You LOVE!! Do you love Him?!**
- Yet believing... With ongoing faith, they are rejoicing with inexpressible joy and glory!! Hallelujah!
- He is describing Born-Again believers in Jesus... But is Peter describing you? Is John describing you?

1 John 2

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 5

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.
2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.
3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

- Do you love Jesus this morning? Do you keep His commandments and walk in His ways because your heart enjoys His fellowship?
- Does the love of Christ **compel you** to obey Him?

2 Corinthians 5

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

- Does your heart burn within you when you fellowship in the light with others? Do you find yourself smiling with Joy when conversation turns to Jesus and His Word?
- Have you proved Him faithful? You proved Him when you surrender and trust. Have you experienced **the Joy of a yielded life?**

John 14

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
...
21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

- Jesus says plainly that if you love Him, it will be evident. It is **HIS LIFE** that will be seen in you!
- Are you doing the will of The Father? Are you doing the words that Jesus has spoken?

Matthew 7

17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.
19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.
21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'
23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'
24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:
25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.
26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:
27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

- Is Jesus YOUR Lord? Is He Lord of your life? "The devils also believe, and tremble" – James 2:19
- **Your eternity depends on it!!** Not on whether you are "Christian" or not. But do you LOVE HIM?!
- IF YOU LOVE HIM: You will forsake all else. You will love what He loves; Hate anything that grieves Him. His commands will not be a burden.
- Note too... Trees are known! It is obvious! Either there is the fruit of The Spirit (Jesus) or the fruit of the flesh.
- So, I ask you... Do you love Jesus Christ this morning?

As we come to remember Jesus this morning. Let's remember all that He is and all that He has done for us. Let's remember His great love toward us. Let's remember how great this Salvation is! Let us remember His love, His testimonies, His promises... And maybe this morning we need to remember His longsuffering, His patience, His forgiveness and His reconciliation! His desire and longing to commune with us! **PSALM 63:1-8**
