

Great Churches Love People

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Opening Text: **I John 4.7-11**



1) **God Loves People**

- **Romans 8.35-39** "Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered. 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- **John 3.16** "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

- **John 15.13** "No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends."

A) **His Love is Sacrificial**

How will _____ sacrifice to love people to Christ?

B) **His Love is Unconditional**

- **Matthew 5.43-48** "You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Who is it that _____ need to love unconditionally?

C) **His Love is Personal**

2) **God Loves People More Than a Performance**

3) **God Loves People More Than a Place**

4) **God Loves People More Than Programs**

5) **God Loves People More Than Professionals**

6) **Great Churches Love People**

- Matthew 22.37-39 Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

- II Corinthians 5.14 "For the love of Christ **compels** us..."

