

→ Do you love me?

John 21:15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

1. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples in Galilee, just as He had promised. He revealed His miraculous works and His provision to the disciples who had fled from the cross. He then reaffirmed His calling of the disciples.
2. Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love me?”
3. Jesus’ answer was, “Feed my sheep.”
4. What does it mean to love Jesus? Specifically, what does it entail?

→ What does it mean to love Jesus?

1. Keep His commandments

John 14:15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments”

2. Jesus promised to send another helper

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever,

14:25 These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

- Through the Helper, we are reminded of Jesus’ words.
- “Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.” “Love one another.” “The Great Commission.” “Various teachings in the Bible.”
- Through the Helper’s teachings, we are led along Jesus’ path.

Jesus’ will is to be with His disciples, so that they may keep His word, put it into practice, and reveal God’s glory.

→ He who has His commandments and keeps them,

1. God’s glory will be revealed to them

John 14:21 He who 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.”

2. God will live with them

John 14:23 Jesus answered him, “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

→ Early Church Saints

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

→ The disciples, having received the Holy Spirit,

- Kept, guarded, and put into practice the words of Jesus in their daily lives.
- They loved God and engaged in daily worship, praise, prayer, and fellowship.
- They loved their neighbors, selflessly sharing their possessions, eating together, and fellowshiping.
- God's glory [Signs and wonders occurred, and people were saved and added to the church.]

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season

→ Anyone who does not love Jesus will not obey the word of God.

John 14 : 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

I Sam 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."²⁴ Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. I violated the Lord's command and your instructions. **I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to**

→ King Saul, who only partially obeyed God's command to "utterly destroy the Amalekites" He obeyed God's word only halfway, and listened to the voice of the people the rest of the time Saul was afraid of the people and could not obey God's word. This was deemed a sin of idolatry

1. Loving Jesus means keeping and obeying His Word

- Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit—so that His disciples could keep and obey His Word.
- The Lord's will is for His disciples to love Jesus, obey His Word, and reveal His glory.
- The disciples of the early church: How did they keep God's Word? Let's learn specifically from the Bible. How did they put God's love into practice toward God and toward their neighbors? How were their lives transformed? How did God reveal Himself to them?
- How do you apply this in your life? Are you keeping and putting God's Word into practice? Is Jesus' love at the core of your life? It's not just about reading the Word every day or praying; rather, let's learn from the early believers in the Acts of the Apostles and ask yourself what it takes to transform your own life. Let's make a firm resolution and pray.

2 Those who do not keep Jesus' words do not love Jesus.

- King Saul could only obey God's word halfway because he feared the people.
- Disobeying God's word is the sin of idolatry. It means making oneself a god, prioritizing one's own life, work, and position, and putting God in second place.
- In the Psalms, those who do not obey the Lord's word are called "wicked."

3 Let us not treat God's Word lightly. Every word comes from God.

Let us be filled with the Holy Spirit, remain untainted by the world's thoughts, common sense, and customs, and be filled with the Lord's Word.