

9. Would you say that your love is conditional?
10. What do we do with our refusal to love others the way God loves us?
11. If it were easy to love those we struggle to love then we wouldn't have to be what?
12. How is the translation of the word "perfected" in most translations different than the NIV translation?
13. The Greek word can mean perfect in what sense?
14. Most of the time the Greek word for "perfected" is used to describe what?
15. If we love like we are supposed to love, we can have what in the day of judgment?
16. If you are a child of God, what judgment will you never face?
17. It is possible that John is saying that if our love is mature and complete, we can have confidence when we stand where?
18. The judgment seat of Christ or the bema seat of Christ is an evaluation of what?
19. Jesus said that the world will know we are His disciples if we have what?
20. When we love one another, we are presenting what?
21. What does mature love banish?
22. Mature love is love that follows God's example of a love that is not based upon what?
23. What is something that true believers will never face but that which fear involves?
24. The person who doesn't love other believers like he ought to is opening himself up to what?
25. When God tells us what to do, it is for what?
26. Jesus said, after washing the disciples' feet, "...If you know these things, blessed (or happy) are you if you..." what?
27. We love the Lord because of why?
28. We love one another because of what reason?
29. The person who hates his brother or sister in Christ doesn't really do what?
30. It is very easy to claim to love God because He isn't what?
31. Do you find yourself making a false claim of loving God?
32. Does your life back up your claim of loving God?
33. To claim to love God, while at the same time, not loving brothers and sisters in Christ is a claim that is what?
34. Loving our brothers and sisters in Christ is a what?
35. God commands you to love His children. Do you find yourself making excuses, rationalizing, and trying to justify your refusal to do this?
36. God doesn't want you to do what, if you don't love your brothers and sisters in Christ?
37. Does the statement that goes with the last question surprise you?

38. Do you find yourself coming to church Sunday after Sunday and singing songs that express love to God but you don't love some of your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ?

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

FOR NEXT TIME:

1. Read I John 1:1-5:5 one time this week.
2. What does the word "believe" mean?
3. What is the connection between believe and love?
4. What are some things we know about true, biblical love?

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THE BENEFITS OF MATURE LOVE

1st John 4:17-21

(Series #21)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**The Benefits of Mature Love.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Pastor Bryan's concern about this message is that it is going to be very easy for you to do what?
2. The text we are considering is about what topic for the 3rd consecutive time?
3. The first section on this topic is verses 7-11 which tell us to do what?
4. The second section on this topic (verses 12-16) tell us that God is what?
5. The opening 6 verses of this chapter exhort us to love God's truth so much that we are willing to exercise what?
6. If God loved us we ought to do what?
7. Would you say that you deserve God's love, are easy to love, and rarely, if ever do things that grieve the Holy Spirit?
8. Are there Christians that you have chosen NOT to love because you think they don't deserve it, or because they aren't easy to love, or because they have grieved you in some way?

****To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help**