

What is it to Love like Jesus Loves? *(Multiple Choice Test)*

A. **Truthful Love.** Love without truth is deceitful and hurtful. Telling a person to have a nice trip without revealing the dangerous truth that a bridge is out, is friendly, but is not caring love. The Lord Jesus Christ never sacrificed truth on the altar of love, but in love sacrificed Himself for the truth of God's judgment. He came *"to bear witness unto the truth"* – and was crucified for it. *"Charity [love]...rejoiceth in the truth."*

B. **Legal Love.** Love without justice destroys value. *"Hold fast to love and justice."* To forgive a rapist without prosecution might be merciful to him, but destroys the soul of the woman – for no value of her worth is shown if judgment's legal price is not paid. Sin offends God and merits death. For God to forgive, the legal justice of death had to be executed unto Him. That's why *"Christ...loved us, and hath given himself for us...a sacrifice to God."* - *"That he [God] might be just."* Legal love values God – and man.

C. **Hateful Love.** In our world, evil exists and is harmful and destructive – and doesn't glorify a holy God. Is it holy and good to love evil? If a child was enjoying playing with a poisonous snake, would it be love *not* to disrupt the child's joy? *"Ye that love the LORD, hate evil.* We are told to *"Abhor that which is evil."* The Lord Jesus said, *"The doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate."* Love hates because love loves good.

D. **Timed Love.** To value righteousness, repentance comes before granting forgiveness. Christ's loving gospel actively forgives no one until they repent of sin. When one is put out of church fellowship for open sin, it's only *after* this punishment one is to *"forgive him, and...confirm your love toward him."* Timing is crucial, like as when to stop a car.

E. **Judging Love.** Because we love our babies we daily judge what is best for them from food to toys. Not making judgments to let them do what they want is not caring. Love without judging is reckless folly. The Lord loves His children and so makes judgments for us. And He judges (chastens) us so we learn; *"whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth."* He tells us, *"that your love may abound yet more...in knowledge and in all judgment."*

F. **Obedying Love.** Many say they love the Lord – in prayers or songs. Is it true love if a child tells his parents he loves them but never obeys them? Jesus proved His love to His Father by obeying to the cross: *"that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do."* Love sacrifices self. Christ said; *"if ye love me, keep my commandments."* Love without obeying is like a tree without fruit.

G. **Meritless Love.** Most love the loveable. Their "goodness" merits our love making it easy. But how many love the undeserving or enemies? A soldier might die for a good friend but not *for* the enemy trying to hurt him. God's love was giving His only beloved

Son as a perfect sin offering – for us ungodly sinners, His enemies. Saving love is grace (no merit): *“His great love...For by grace are ye saved through faith...not of works.”*

The **Bible** teaches all of the above, “A-G”. ^AJohn 18:37, 1Cor.13:6. ^BHosea 12:6 (ESV), Eph. 5:2, Rom. 3:26. ^CPsa. 97:10, Rev. 2:15. ^D2Cor. 2:6-8. ^EHeb. 12:6, Php. 1:9. ^FJn. 4:31,15. ^GEph. 2:4, 8-9, Rom. 5:6-10.