

10/18/09 **The People Jesus Loved: The Forgotten**

AM/GRE Mark 10: 13-16, Matthew 25: 40

I The Heart of Jesus

- Picture the unforgettable moment when "Jesus took the children in His _____, put his hands on them and _____ them."
- There is only one way for children to come to Jesus: we must _____ them. Many people don't _____. Even the disciples "_____ them." The disciples didn't have the _____ of Jesus. Jesus became _____ with them.
- _____ out of 20 people who become Christians, do so before the age of _____.
- Many children who are _____ are the _____. But Jesus _____ about them. Matthew 25:40.
- James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled is...to visit _____ and _____ in their affliction..."
- There are _____ million orphans in the world.
- Only _____ are adopted every year worldwide.

II The Heart of a Christian

- Isaiah 1:17: "...Defend the cause of the _____..."
- Proverbs 31:8: "Speak up for those who cannot _____ for themselves..."
- Psalm 82: 3, 4: "Defend the cause of the weak and _____..." See Galatians 4: 4-7.
- Many non-Christians say: Christians are _____ - they don't live any differently than non-Christians.
- Do we sit in church and quietly _____ the _____ around the world? God is pro-_____ and pro _____. God's heart is _____ for the orphan. Is yours?
- God wants _____ heart to be _____ heart.

III What Can I Do?

- #1. _____ (Jeremiah 33:3: "_____ to me and I will _____ you and tell great and mighty things...")
- #2. Become _____ about the needs of orphans.
- #3. _____ what you have with the orphans.
- For some of you – that may mean _____.
- For some of you it may be _____ an orphan.
- For many of us – we can _____ to the Abba Fund.
- Jesus said: "Let the little _____ come to me..."
- 100 years from now it won't make a difference what kind of _____ we drove or what kind of _____ we lived in, but "Did I bring another _____ to _____?"

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The Text: Love

1 John 4:7-21

I. Stipulations of _____ Others

- #1. Do you _____ me?
- #2. What do you _____ like?
- #3. Do we have a _____?
- #4. How do you _____ about things?
- #5. How do you treat _____?
- #6. How do you treat _____? 1 Cor. 13:4 "...love is _____." V8 says "whoever does _____ love does not _____ God..."

II. Stipulations God Has On Loving _____.

- #1. I don't know of _____. V9 "This is how God showed his _____ among us: He _____ his one and only Son into the world....." Did God _____ till you got it together?
- #2. I _____ don't know of any. V10 "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he _____ us..."
- #3. See #'s 1 and 2. There are _____ stipulations on God loving you. Ro. 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were _____ sinners, Christ died for us." Ro. 8:35 _____ shall ever separate us from the _____ of God.

III. How Should We _____ To All This?

- A. Love One _____. V7 "...let us love one _____...everyone who loves has been _____ of God...and _____ God." (See also V11)
- B. Love Even The _____. Mt. 5:44 "Love your _____ and pray for those who _____ you..." Psalm 51:1, 86:5 says God's love is "_____ " = unfailling. V16 "...we _____ on the love God has for us."

IV. Stipulations The _____ Has On Loving Us.

We are guilty of putting the _____ before the _____. We expect people to believe in _____ before they can believe in _____. V12 "...if we _____ one another, God _____ in us..."

Conclusion- 3 tips to loving others.....

- 1 _____ - Prov. 15:30 "A cheerful _____ brings joy to the heart."
- 2 **Ask a** _____ - Luke 10:26 "_____ do you read it?"
- 3 _____ **to their response** - James. 1:19 "be quick to _____, slow to speak." John 13:35 "By this all men will _____ that you are my disciples, if you _____ one another."