

Back To The God Of Love

1 John 4:8,16.

I. Love The Universal Language.

1. Understood By All.
2. World's Most Powerful Thing.
3. Love Always Returns.

III Back To God To Conquer.

1. Conquer Self.
Evil Desires: 1 John 2:15-17.
Phil. 4:13.
Trust God: Rom. 8:28; 1 John 4:18.
2. Conquer Others. 1 John 4:7-8.
3. Conquer Enemies. Matt. 5:44; Rom 13:10.

II. Love Drives A Man.

1. Caused God To Send Jesus.
John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10.
2. Caused Jesus To Die.
Rom. 5:8; Eph. 5:2.
3. Causes Man To Die
For Friends. John 15:13.
4. Causes To Obey - John 14:21,15.

IV. Back To God For Happiness-Heaven.

1. God's Love - Only True Happiness.
2. Heaven Promised To
God's Children.
Matt. 7:21; 25:34; James 2:5.



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INTRO: We are aware that our country and the whole world are in desperate need of something that will solve our problems. We are faced with problems of a political nature, racial problems, and threats of war. Crime and divorce are growing continually, as is sex outside of marriage. Prisons are full; alcoholics, murderers, and dope uses are a nation-wide problem. Morals have declined until they are almost a thing of the past. The church is not growing; preachers are quitting. The one thing that will succeed has never been tried. God is the answer. Man must go back to the God of love. If we go back to love, we are saying we must go back to God. To settle all our problems, we need to go back to the God of love. (Not lust but love.) Most of mankind has gone to the god of pleasure or the god of wealth. Some have gone to the god of popularity for happiness, contentment, and success, but they have failed to find it. True and lasting happiness, contentment, and real success are found only in the God of love.

I. LOVE IS THE ONLY UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

- A. Love is understood by all. Though we cannot speak to another in his language, the language of love is understood.
- B. Love is the most powerful thing in the world. Love is an emotion. Emotion is a part of the heart. The heart includes intellect, conscience, will, and emotion. Man cannot explain this part of the heart: love. Love cannot be explained, for God is love and we are not able to explain God. Love works when nothing else will. God works when nothing else will. Try it and see.
- C. Love always comes back. You cannot give love with out it coming back to you. Even a dog, when his head is patted, will lick your hand.

II. LOVE DRIVES THE MAN.

- A. Love caused God to give His Son. Why did God make such a sacrifice for a wicked man like me? He loved me! I cannot explain it, but I know it is true. John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10.
- B. Love caused Jesus to die for us. Rom. 5:8; Eph. 5:2. Jesus suffered the horrible death on the cross for sinners like us.
- C. Love causes a man to die for his friends. John 15:13. This kind of love can change the world. 1 John 4:8, 16.
- D. Love causes a man to obey God. John 14:15; John 15:21; 1 John 5:2.

III. BACK TO THE GOD OF LOVE TO CONQUER. Love will conquer. If you are tired of failing, and losing, and being on the bottom, I have the answer! Love.

- A. Conquer self. The biggest job is self. 1 John 2:15-17; Phil. 4:13. Trust God. Overcome fear. Do not worry. Phil. 4:6; Rom. 8:28; 1 John 4:18.

- B. We can conquer others. Lost souls can be won. 1 John 4:7-8.
- C. We can conquer our enemies. Matt. 5:44; Matt. 5:46; Rom. 13:10.

IV. BACK TO GOD FOR HAPPINESS AND HEAVEN.

- A. God's love brings the only true happiness in life. Love for things is temporal and soon fades. Houses, lands, wealth, pleasure, and popularity are soon gone, but God's happiness keeps flowing.
- B. Heaven is promised to God's children. Matt. 7:21; Matt. 25:34; James 2:5.

CONCL: There is no other solution for the problems in this life or source of eternal life than the love that comes from the God of love.