

## Let Us Examine the Lord's Love

(2 Peter 3:18)

### Introduction:

1. In this verse Peter exhorted Christians to grow in the knowledge of Christ.
2. In John 5:39 Jesus revealed the proper source for accomplishing this growth.
3. As we endeavor to increase our knowledge of the Lord, we are taught in Ephesians 3:19 *"to know the love of Christ."*
4. In this lesson we are concentrating on passages that teach us about "the love of Christ."
5. As we search the Scriptures, "let us examine the Lord's love."
6. Let us begin by pointing out that . . .

### Discussion:

- I. WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT RELATE TO THE LORD'S LOVE
  - A. (Ephesians 5:1-2) We are to *"walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us."*
  - B. During His ministry Jesus taught His followers to:
    1. *"continue"* in His love (John 15:9)
    2. *"abide"* in His love (John 15:10).
- II. THE SCRIPTURES SHOW THAT THE LORD'S LOVE IS DEPENDABLE
  - A. Jesus loved His disciples *"unto the end"* (John 13:1).
  - B. Nothing can separate the Lord's people from His love (Romans 8:35-39).
- III. THE SCRIPTURES PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF THE LORD'S LOVE
  - A. He knew that the Father loved Him (John 17:24-26).
  - B. He loved the Father (John 14:31).
  - C. He loved the church (Ephesians 5:25; Revelation 3:19).
  - D. He loved people, including:
    1. His disciples (John 13:23; 15:9)
    2. His friends (John 11:1-5, 35-36; 15:13)
    3. the rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-22).
  - E. He loves those who obey Him (John 14:15, 21).

### Conclusion:

1. The Lord's love is described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
2. As we search the Scriptures to grow in our knowledge of the Lord, let us know His love and walk in love as He loved us.