

# Love

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## Introduction

1. Galatians 5:22-23
2. The fruit of the Spirit is in contrast to the Lust of the flesh 5:19-21
3. We will only serve one Matthew 6:24; Romans 6:16-18
4. Thus this love involves the way we live, and is only seen by the action that it produces.
5. This love takes a downward, upward and an outward look.

## II Discussion

1. Downward look
  - a. This is God's love toward us 1 John 4:9-10
  - b. Yet this love is not because of our excellence Romans 5:6-8
  - c. God loved us so much that He sent His Son John 3:16
  - d. This kind of love passes our knowledge Ephesians 3:19
2. Upward Look
  - a. Some do not have love within them John 5:42
  - b. Men love darkness John 3:19; 1 John 2:15-17
  - c. We are to love God with all we have Matthew 22:37
  - d. How do we manifest this love John 14:15, 21, 23
  - e. We are then to abide in this love John 15:9-13
3. Outward look
  - a. Our love may wax cold Matthew 2:12
  - b. If we do not have this love we are as nothing 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
  - c. Love guides our action 2 Corinthians 5:14; Ephesians 5:2
  - d. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves Matthew 22:39
  - e. We are to love our neighbor John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16
  - f. We are to love our brothers fervently 1 Peter 1:22
  - g. Love worketh no ill toward our brothers Romans 13:9-10

## III Conclusion

1. If we stepped back and looked at your life and my life what would we find?
2. Would we find the kind of love mentioned by God?
3. This is something we might need to work on 2 Peter 1:5ff
4. We can start working on our love for God and fellowman right now
5. Our love for God can be manifested by our obedience now!

Sources: Gleaning from Galatians by Gussie Lambert, Vines Dictionary and Word Study Greek English New Testaments with complete concordance by Paul McReynolds; Lincoln, Cleveland