

## Love and Giving

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### Introduction

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:9
2. This is the time of year that we think of our loved ones and we give gifts to them to show this love.
3. When we fell in love with our wives, we finally give them a ring, so love and giving have a way of being connected in many ways
4. Let us study this love and giving

### II Discussion

1. Love, in our text was taught to them by God
  - a. We are to love God and this is taught to us in the Scriptures Matthew 22:36-40; Exodus 20:6
  - b. We are taught to love one another John 13:34-35
  - c. This came from the Old Law Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18
  - d. These commandments are not burdensome NKJV 1 John 5:3
  - e. Love is described 1 Corinthians 13
2. Notice now that love and giving are connected
  - a. God loves and He gave John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8
  - b. Jesus loves so He gave Ephesians 5:25
  - c. The centurion loved so he built Luke 7:5
  - d. The good Samaritan love so he helped Luke 10:25-37 compassion
  - e. Peter was taught to love and to give to the Lord's sheep, John 21:15-17
  - f. What did then Peter say about love:
    - i. We are to love one another 1 Peter 1:22
    - ii. We are to love the brotherhood 2:17
    - iii. We are to love to cover a multitude of sins 4:8
    - iv. Love is the crowning note in the Christian graces 2 Peter 1:5-7

### III Conclusion

1. When we support or love an organization we give to it, either time or money.
2. What about the church? Do we love her?
3. Do we support the church with time and money?
4. Christ loved the church and He gave Himself, pretty important
5. Do you love the Lord, His bride?
6. If you love Him then keep His commandments John 14:15

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