

Introduction – The Focus of Our Study

I. Six Premises About Love

1. We all long to be loved!
2. No human relationship or material possession has the power to love us deeply, consistently, and unconditionally.
3. When we are unloved we will figure out ways to get others to love us.
4. Just because God loves us, there is no guarantee that we will experience that love. Ephesians 3:14-21
5. It is only when we experience being deeply loved that we have the capacity to love others deeply. John 13:34
6. Living life unlovingly is a wasted life. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

II. The Love Test

1 ----- 10

III. What Keeps Us From Experiencing God's Love?

A Word Picture – 1 Timothy 1:18-19

“Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.”

- **The Picture**

- **2 Things That “Shipwreck” Our Life With God:**

1) _____

2) _____

IV. God's Promise = Romans 5:1-2

"Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God."

Discussion Questions

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 how much of God's unfailing love are you experiencing?
2. What's the "acid test" of our spiritual growth and maturity in Christ according to 1 Timothy 1:5, 1 Corinthians 13?
3. What is the proof of God's love for you according to Romans 5:6-8? What does it mean to be "justified" by faith? (Romans 5:1-2)
4. Discuss the word picture Paul gives concerning what "shipwrecks" our spiritual lives. What are the 2 things that keep us from experiencing the love of God we already possess?