

To Have Eternal Life
Matthew 19:16-30

Review:

1. No one is saved by his knowledge of God's Word or his attempts at obedience to it
2. Considering anything to be more important than God, or putting any sort of conditions on our service to Him is the sin of idolatry
3. Only God can save us, cleansing us of sin by the blood of Christ, and filling our hearts with true love for Him and for others

Reflect:

1. Is there anyone or anything in your life that, if you lost it, you would also lose faith in God? Ask God to give you the grace to surrender it to Him, and to put Him first in your life.

Go further: Read I John 4:7-21

1. In verses 7 and 8, what sort of behavior does John say always goes along with love for God?
2. Compare verses 7 and 8 with verse 20. What kind of behavior is completely inconsistent with love for God?
3. Why does John say in verse 9 that God sent His Son into the world?
4. In verse 8, John says that God is love. How does he say God reveals this love in verse 10?
5. What conclusion does John draw in verse 11?
6. In verse 12, how does John say we can know that God lives within us?
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8. In verse 14, what does John say he bears personal testimony about?
9. In verse 15, what behavior does John say always goes along with God living within someone?
10. In verse 16, what does John say that we have known and believed?
11. In verse 16, John says that God not only shows love but that God is love. What conclusion does he draw from this statement?
12. In verse 17, what does John say will give us confidence on the Day of Judgment?
13. In verse 18, what effect does John say that love has on fear?
14. In verse 19, what does John say gives us the ability to love God?
15. What commandment does verse 21 give to us? Who must follow this commandment?

Summary and Application:

1. How has God's love for you changed your priorities?
2. How does an awareness of God's love for you motivate you to love other people?
3. In what concrete ways can we express our love for God and for other people?