



QA: Are People Wrong Who Love God? by [John T Polk II](#)

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QUESTION: Are people wrong who love God? - February 9, 2020

ANSWER: Jesus Christ is the discerner of who does, or does not, love God.

"But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you" (**John 5:42**). **Since He knows the hearts, the rest of us must be determined by the following:**

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. (**1 John 5:2**)

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. (**1 John 4:20-21**)

The Bible says of LOVE:

1. **Love Is Not A Valentine.** The idol gods Lupercus and Faunus - the Roman God of Agriculture, and fictional Romulus and Remus, were celebrated with the "Feast of Lupercalia". *The Roman Catholic Church simply added this to their other adopted idolatry by giving it some association to their church! Valentine's Day is that celebration.* Love has been reduced to a day of gifts, cards, candy, and jewelry, but the Bible concept has been entirely lost to the public.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (**Romans 5:8**)

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. (**John 15:13**)

Love is that voluntary choice to see that good is done for others, because "Love does no harm to a neighbor" (**Romans 13:10**). Not for a day, but for a life.

2. **Love The Church Of Christ.** Jesus said:

"As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd." (**John 10:15-16**)

"This fold" are the Jews, for "there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings" (**John 10:19**). **The "other sheep" were non- Jews, or**

"Gentiles," to be included through His death, along with Jews, who hear His Gospel. "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself" (**John 12:32**). Jesus' blood purchased the church (**Acts 20:28**). "John, to the seven churches" wrote of Jesus Christ as, "Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (**Revelation 1:5**).

3. Who Are Those Who Love God.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (**Romans 8:28**)

Does this mean that everything in everyone's life produces good? Only "those who love God."

a. John wrote:

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. (**1 John 5:3**)

Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:16**). **Anyone who makes baptism a "burdensome" commandment keeps a person from loving God!**

b. God's "purpose" is for anyone "to be conformed to the image of His Son" (**Romans 8:29**). In the burial of baptism, a sinner is "united together in the likeness of His death" (**Romans 6:5**).

Is God's "good" in your life?

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