

## Do You Love Jesus Christ?

John 21:15-25

Theme: The greatest question of our lives and the basis for all of our Christian lives is to be our love for Jesus Christ. How will this love be manifested in our lives?

Introduction:

1. The Shema of Israel: Deuteronomy 6:4-5
2. The greatest commandment: Matthew. 22:37-39
3. A curse upon those who do not love Christ: 1 Cor. 16:22
4. All of life is worthless that is not done out of love: 1 Cor. 13:1-3
5. All will work for your good if you are loving God: Rom. 8:28

The Interview of Jesus with Peter: vs. 15-17

Questions Peter three times

Answer of Peter

Reply of Jesus to Peter

What does Jesus Christ ask from those who say they love Him?

1. Take care of my people: cp. Acts 20:28-30/1 Pet. 5
2. Be willing to suffer for Christ: John 21:18-19
3. Follow Christ in obedience: John 21:19; 14:15, 21, 24

The house built upon the sand hears the word of Christ but does not build their life on it. He who builds his life on the rock is the person who hears and obeys Christ's Word:  
Matthew 7

4. Love those who belong to Christ: John 13:34 with 1 John 3:16-18

5. To love God is to be known by God: 1 Cor. 8:3 contrast to Matt. 7 where Jesus says, "I never knew you".

6. The rivals for our love especially in the last days are:

- Lovers of self
- Lovers of money
- Unloving by instinct and nature
- Lovers of pleasure
- Not lovers of God

2 Timothy 3:2-4

7. We are in danger of loving the world and forsaking Christ as Demas did: 2 Timothy 4:10

8. We are in danger of leaving our love for Christ: Rev. 2:1-7

Question for us

Do you love Jesus Christ?

Before you can go any further in your relationship to God this question must be answered. An all knowing God is the one who is asking us this question.