

Sermon Discussion (1/4/2026)

The Five Treasures (2026) / Luke 4:18–19

Jesus identified the “Love of God” as one of the treasures He wanted to bring to humanity. The problem is that we don’t want the love of God if it means we must obey God. We would rather redefine “love” as “acceptance” so that we have no obligations or expectations. But there can be no loving relationship without expectations. This has significant implications for Christians.

Title: Love God

The Main Question: What is God’s love?

Points to Consider

1. God’s love is the solution.
2. God’s love is discovered.
3. God’s love is discipline.

Scripture References:

Luke 4:18–19 NIV

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Application Questions

- [1 John 4:8](#) says, “God is love”. What does it mean?

Love God / Invitation / Relationship

We experience the love of God when we invite Him into our lives.

- Have you invited the Love of God into your life?
- When did you do this?
- What difference has it made?

Find Freedom / Learning / Clarity

Freedom is found when we learn a new way to think.

- We can be worried, afraid, and anxious. How does the love of God help us to find freedom in our mind?
- What effect does it have on the way we think?

See God / Prayer / Affirmation

Being able to see God is critical to our ability to relate to Him.

- Seeing God is almost impossible without prayer or being in contact with God?
- How does God’s love impact our desire to communicate with Him and to be in His presence?

Experience Healing / Serve Others / Opportunities

Healing is about having healthy relationships to God, ourselves, and others. It is often accomplished through serving others.

- What impact does God’s love have on our willingness to serve God or others?
- How does the love of God open the door wider for God’s healing?

Discover Joy / Gratitude / Community

The more grateful we are the more joy we feel.

- What effect does God’s Love have on our ability to be grateful?