



I. INTRO

- A. What the world needs now is love
- B. Love quotient

Quotient: Indicates the presence or degree of a characteristic in someone or something, the degree to which a specific quality or characteristic exists.

LQ: Your love quotient indicates the presence or degree of God's love in you. It is the degree to which God's love is made known by you.

- C. Simple, but not easy

John 3:16 (NLT) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

- Why would God love the world?
 - God's love is based on His character

1 John 4:16 (NKJV) And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Luke 6:32 (NLT) "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them!

- Why would God love the world?
 - God's love is based on His character
 - A sinner loves those that love them

1 John 4:19 (NIV) We love because he first loved us.

Romans 2:4 (TLB) Don't you realize how patient he is being with you? Or don't you care? Can't you see that he has been waiting all this time without punishing you, to give you time to turn from your sin? His kindness is meant to lead you to repentance.

- D. We should live like Jesus in the world

1 John 2:4-6 (NLT) If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

II. FAITH IN GOD'S LOVE

- A. Do you really believe that God loves you?



1 John 4:16 (NKJV) And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

B. A long, long time ago in a garden far away

Genesis 2:25 (NKJV) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:5 (NKJV) For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

C. If you DO this you'll be like God

Genesis 3:7 (NKJV) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:8-10 (NKJV) And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

- Three evil cousins
 - Guilt
 - Shame
 - Condemnation

D. You are loved and you are forgiven

Psalm 38:4 (NLT) My guilt overwhelms me—it is a burden too heavy to bear.

1 John 1:7-9 (NKJV) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.