

“REAL LOVE SPEAKS TO THE REAL ISSUE”

GOD’S LOVE ... OUR SIN:

- Jesus died on the cross because of our sin problem (Ro. 8:3).
 - Real love addresses the real issue and provides a real answer.
 - Jesus’ death on the cross paid the penalty for our sins (Ro. 3:23-25).
 - This is the only thing that makes you right with God!
 - Your own goodness or good deeds do not count!
- Jesus’ resurrection declared an end to sin’s power over us who believe
 - Jesus death was meaningless without the resurrection (1Cor. 15:12-20).
 - His resurrection validated His claim to be the Son of God (Ro. 1:4)
 - His resurrection declared Him to be without sin (He. 14:14-15).
 - His resurrection gives us power over sin (Ro. 6:5-8).
 - Sin, the desires of sin and the temptation to sin have not disappeared. **However, sin’s power over us has been broken!**

WHERE LOVE BEGINS:

- Real love begins with God.
 - God is love, but what we call love is not necessarily God (1Jn. 4:16).
 - We must look at who God is and what He says is real love.
 - Most of us define love from our human perspective and then try to fit God into our ideas of love.
 - Wrong starting point leads to wrong conclusions.
 - We must begin with the source of love.

REAL ISSUES:

- Real love speaks to our real relationship issues (1Cor. 13:4-7):
 - Impatience, harshness, jealousy, boasting, pride, demanding our own way, being irritable, keeping a record of wrongs, wanting revenge,

believing lies, giving up, losing faith, hopelessness, & quitting when the going gets rough.

- These are sin issues.
- Sin, living contrary to God's truth, destroys love (1Jn. 3:4).
 - Sin and the curse of sin is what causes the pain and suffering in this world (Ro. 8:19-21).

REAL LIFE:

- Having the resurrection power of Jesus in your life means that God has the answer and the power for every situation to help us (Gal. 2:20; Eph. 1:19-20);
 - Recognize our sin;
 - Resist the temptation to sin;
 - Receive the power to respond in love;
 - And start anew when we do sin.
- Only God's real love demonstrated through Christ's death and resurrection speaks to our real issue of sin.