

**Love the World
2 Peter 1:3-11**

- **Love _____ it All. Colossians 4:14** *And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*
- **Lesson Title: Love the World.** According to **1 John 2:15-17** we are not supposed to love the world. Yet we read (**John 3:16**) that God loved the world so much that He gave up His Son.
- **Agape Defined: Making a _____ to _____ that which _____ somebody else regardless of how you _____.** There are three key elements of agape love that we need to understand:
 - **It is a _____.** **Matthew 5:44** *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Do we feel like loving our enemies? No.*
 - **It is a _____.**
 - _____: *I am going to do what is right, and then I will feel good.*
 - _____: *I want to feel good before I do what is right.*
 - **It is _____.**
- **The Core of Agape is _____.** **Are you a Sacrifice or a _____?**
 - **Hebrews 10. God doesn't _____ our sacrifices. _____ need the sacrifice of God.** Why didn't Jesus just take His disciples with Him when he went up in heaven? Why didn't God take Paul into eternity after his Damascus experience?
 - **One Answer: The _____.**
 - **God keeps us out of heaven to be _____ on Earth.** *It's not what we keep, but what we share. Not what we have, but what we spare. Not what we clasp, but what we lose. Not what we hide, but what we use.*
 - **1 John 2:6, 4:11**
- **Let's talk about our attitude towards Sinners.**
 - _____ is a sinner?
 - _____ do we treat sinners?
 - **Hard Statement: If you have a problem with _____, you have a problem with _____ and Jesus has a problem with _____.** Consider these texts:
 - **Matthew 9:10-13**
 - **Luke 15:1-2**
 - **Luke 19:7**
 - **Matthew 21:31.**
 - **1 Timothy 1:15.**
- **So what shall we do? Make a decision to do that which will benefit somebody else regardless of how you feel.**
 - **Sacrifice your _____ for them.**
 - **Bless them with something _____.**