

# The Higher Gifts: Love

*"We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) ESV*

1 Corinthians 12:31 – Do we \_\_\_\_\_ desire the higher gifts?

## The Higher Gift Of God's Love For Us

A. Does our heavenly Father love us?

1. 1 John 3:1 – See the \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has \_\_\_\_\_ us!
2. James 4:4 - \_\_\_\_\_ with the world means that we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
3. Romans 11:22 – God wants to show \_\_\_\_\_, but will show \_\_\_\_\_ toward those who have fallen.
4. 1 John 4:19 – We \_\_\_\_\_ because He \_\_\_\_\_ loved us.
5. 2 Samuel 19:28 – All of Saul's house was \_\_\_\_\_ to death, but David showed \_\_\_\_\_ to Mephibosheth.
6. Romans 5:8 – God \_\_\_\_\_ His love toward us by Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross for \_\_\_\_\_.

B. 2 Samuel 7:18 – David wondered, "\_\_\_\_\_ am I" that You would do all of this for me. \_\_\_\_\_ can say the same thing.

## The Higher Gift Of Our Love For One Another

A. Titus 3:3 – Before \_\_\_\_\_, we were \_\_\_\_\_ by others and \_\_\_\_\_ one another. But then God's \_\_\_\_\_ appeared.

B. Love for others as a higher gift:

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:9 – We have been \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ to love one another.
2. Luke 15:30,32 – The brother called the prodigal "This \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; the father called him "this your \_\_\_\_\_".
3. John 13:34,35 – The \_\_\_\_\_ commandment is to love \_\_\_\_\_ another \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ loved us.
4. 1 John 3:17 – Love for others means that we will \_\_\_\_\_ with whatever \_\_\_\_\_ they may have.
5. Matthew 28:19 – Jesus wants us to make \_\_\_\_\_ of all the \_\_\_\_\_. No one is to be excluded.
6. Ephesians 2:19 – We are \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Tertullian: "See how they \_\_\_\_\_ one another!"

1 Corinthians 13:13 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the higher gifts is \_\_\_\_\_.

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