

40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 32

Our world today is in dire need of true, Christian love. The context of our text today is the Cross—Jesus' ultimate demonstration of His love for us, that He would lay down His life for sinners like you and me.

That love of Christ, which is our hope, then fuels our obedience to Him. In other words, He IS our standard of love. The Gospel of Mark describes it this way, that even the Son of Man did not come to BE served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to serve others and to be good stewards of what God has given us. The apostle John here is asking us, "Who are we, then, to keep the many blessings that God has given us to ourselves?"

What does it look like for you to give as Jesus gave or to serve as Jesus served? Maybe you have an opportunity to bless a brother or sister in Christ who you know is in need, and to reach out and encourage them. Or maybe, someone who does not know the love of Christ comes to mind. What does it look like for you live outward this Easter season, intentionally sharing God's love and blessings with them?

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But whoever has
the world's goods,
and sees his
brother in need
and closes his
heart against him,
how does the love
of God abide in
him?

– 1 John 3:17

