

Frontline

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Success in Your Life With Christ

We show Christ our love when we _____ (sweet, a fill in the blank)

*How do we show affection to friends/family/loved-ones?

*Now, if we love God, how do we show HIM affection?

Read: John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

*What is the proof of our love for God?

What does Jesus say about obedience?

Much of the Old Testament (the part of the bible before Jesus showed up) is rules about obedience to God, but Jesus summed them up in 2 phrases.

Read: Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'^[a] ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b] ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

*What is the theme in these two phrases?

*Who does this apply to?

*In what ways do you feel a desire to express your love to God?

*Is it possible to obey God but still make others upset with you?

So What!

*What is obedience without love?

*What is love without obedience?

*What is one way that you can obey Christ, in love, this week?

For further study, read Luke 10:38-42, Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 5:2-4