

I Love You Part 3

1. We usually say “I love you” as an expression of **affection** or **appreciation**.
2. The problem with that is that our **level** of love is based on the **performance** of the person loved, our love is **conditional**.
3. God’s love for us is **unconditional** giving us **security** in our relationship with Him.

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to him from afar, *saying*, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

4. God expects that we will love **Him** and each other in the **same** way He loves us.

John 13:34–35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 15:12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

5. Agape love is an expression of **commitment**, and to say “I love you” is saying “I **will**.”
6. Agape love also means that I want a **relationship** with you and will do whatever it takes to make that happen.
7. God created us in His image as an act of His **will** because He **wanted** to live with us and **fellowship** with us forever.

Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

8. Jesus **died** for us so that we could **live** with Him and **fellowship** with Him forever.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 17:22–26 “The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

9. If we really love Jesus, we will **diligently** seek a growing **relationship** with Him, we will want to **know** Him more.

Philippians 3:7–8 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

10. Another way of saying “I love you” is to say, “I will **seek** you.”

Deuteronomy 4:29 “But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find *Him* if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.

1 Chronicles 28:9 “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him;

2 Chronicles 26:5 He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God prospered him.

Psalm 9:10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 34:10 The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.

Proverbs 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the Lord understand all things.

11. If we are really seeking Him we will read the **Bible**.

Psalm 119:10 With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

12. If we are really seeking Him we will spend time with Him in prayer.

Psalm 27:7–9 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, And be gracious to me and answer me. *When You said, “Seek My face,”* my heart said to You, “Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.” Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Daniel 9:3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him by* prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

13. If we are really seeking Him we will faithfully **gather** with our **church** family to **worship** Him.

1 Chronicles 16:8–11 Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad. Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually.

Psalm 40:16 Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let those who love Your salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified!"

Psalm 105:1–5 Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad. Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually. Remember His wonders which He has done, His marvels and the judgments uttered by His mouth,