

JESUS EXISTENCE WAS BASED ON LOVE

TRANSACTIONAL- AN EXCHANGE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

SALVATION IS A NON-TRANSACTIONAL RELATIONSHIP. THERE IS EXCHANGE BUT IT IS NOT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

- GOD SENT HIM BECAUSE HE LOVED US

John 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

WE ARE SENT TO THE WORLD IN LOVE

John 20:21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." :22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

- HE CAME BECAUSE HE LOVED THE FATHER

John 5:19 So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL BECAUSE WE LOVE GOD

John 14:15 "If you love me, obey my commandments.

- HE ACTED BECAUSE HE LOVED US

Matthew 9:35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. :36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

WE DO GOOD WORKS OUT OF LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

- HE DIED BECAUSE HE LOVED US

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

WE DIE TO SELF OUT OF LOVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS

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LIFE APPLICATIONS

1. LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE KINGDOM

- WHERE DO I NEED TO STEP UP?

- RESENTMENT AND UNFORGIVENESS ARE THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE

2. IN ORDER TO MODEL JESUS I HAVE TO WALK IN LOVE

- DO MY ACTIONS TOWARD OTHERS MIRROR JESUS?

3. WHO OR WHAT REALLY CHALLENGES MY LOVE ABILITY?