

Do You Love Me?

He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep." (John 21:16 NKJ)

1. A true Christian Loves Christ

There is one thing in a true Christian which is eminently peculiar to him. That thing is _____ to Christ.

Not believing and not loving are both steps to everlasting _____.

(a) This love to Christ is the inseparable _____ of saving faith.

(b) Love to Christ is the _____ of work for Christ.

(c) Love to Christ is the point which we ought specially to _____ upon, in teaching religion to children.

(d) Love to Christ is the _____ of believers of every branch of Christ's Church on earth.

(e) Love to Christ will be the _____ mark of all saved souls in heaven.

2. How Love for Christ is Known

a. If we love a person, we like to _____ about him.

b. If we love a person, we like to _____ about him.

c. If we love a person, we like to _____ about him.

d. If we love a person, we like to _____ him.

e. If we love a person, we like his _____.

- f. If we love a person, *we are* _____ *about his name and honor.*
- g. If we love a person, *we like to* _____ *to him.*
- h. Finally, if we love a person, *we like to be always* _____ *him.*

3. Conclusion

- (1) Can you honestly say that you love Christ?
- (2) In the next place, if you do not love Christ, let me tell you plainly what is *the reason*. You have no sense of _____ to Him.

How according to Ryle do we come to a sense of debt to Christ?

- (3) If you really know anything of love towards Christ, accept two parting words of *comfort and counsel*. The Lord grant they may do you good.

First, if you love Christ in deed and truth, _____ in the thought that you have good evidence about the state of your soul. Love, I tell you this day, love is an evidence of _____.

Secondly, if you love Christ, never be ashamed to let others see it and know it. _____ for Him. _____ for Him. _____ for Him. _____ for Him. If He has loved you and washed you from your sins in His own blood, you never need shrink from letting others know that you feel it, and love Him in return.