

November 27–December 3
1–3 John; Jude
“God Is Love”



Overview

D&C 7:3

And the Lord said unto me: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, because thou desirest this thou shalt tarry until I come in my glory, and shalt prophesy before nations, kindreds, tongues and people.

God Is Love

1Jhn 4:9-10

What did God do to demonstrate that He loves us all?

Thomas S. Monson

"Our Heavenly Father's plan contains the ultimate expressions of true love. All that we hold dear - even our families, our friends, our joy, our knowledge, our testimonies, - would vanish were it not for our Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.... The world has witnessed no greater gift, nor has it known more lasting love." (CR, April 1993)

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1Jhn 2:15-17

What must we avoid in order to have the love of God reside within us?

Neal A. Maxwell

"The great apostle of love, John, reminded us that this world will pass away and the lust thereof. This means, quite frankly, that not only can lust ruin this life, but it is pandering to an appetite that will have no existence in the next world!

"By denying ourselves some appetites altogether, by ordering other appetites, and by losing ourselves in service-we find ourselves. We simply cannot make a difference in the world if we are just like the lost people of the world." ("The Stern but Sweet Seventh Commandment," New Era, June 1979)

God Is Love

1 Jhn 4:15-18

What must we do to show we love God and to partake His love?

What blessing is promised to those who receive God's love?

What do you think are some examples of fears that are prominent in this life that will be diminished when we have the love of God within us?

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if we ever find ourselves living in fear or anxiety, or if we ever find that our own words, attitudes, or actions are causing fear in others, I pray with all the strength of my soul that we may become liberated from this fear by the divinely appointed antidote to fear: the pure love of Christ, for 'perfect love casteth out fear.'" (CR, April 2017)

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1 Jhn 5:3

What must we do to show we love God and to partake His love?

Joseph B. Wirthlin

"Do you love the Lord?"

"Spend time with Him. Meditate on His words. Take His yoke upon you. Seek to understand and obey, because 'this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.' When we love the Lord, obedience ceases to be a burden. Obedience becomes a delight. When we love the Lord, we seek less for things that benefit us and turn our hearts toward things that will bless and uplift others.

"As our love for the Lord deepens, our minds and hearts become purified. We experience a 'mighty change in our hearts.'" (CR, Oct. 2007)

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1Jhn 3:10-11,17-18

According to John, how are we expected to express this love for others?

How can we help the needy and be sure we are not enabling bad behavior?

Marion D. Hanks

"God so loved that he gave.

"Christ so loved that he gave.

"We are here on this earth to learn, after the example of the Father and the Son, to love enough to give....

"The love we speak of is not just a word or a feeling or a sentiment. John wrote: 'My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.'

"So we are speaking of choosing a course of sharing, of giving, of graciousness, of kindness, not as optional elements of the gospel, but the heart of it." (CR, Oct. 1990)

Ezra T. Benson

"The world largely ignores the first and great commandment - to love God - but talks a lot about loving their brother....

“Only those who know and love God can best love and serve his children, for only God fully understands his children and knows what is best for their welfare. Therefore, one needs to be in tune with God to best help his children....

“If you desire to help your fellowmen the most, then you must put the first commandment first. When we fail to put the love of God first, we are easily deceived by crafty men who profess a great love of humanity, while advocating programs that are not of the Lord.” (CR, Oct. 1967)

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1Jhn 4:7-8,11-12

JST 1Jhn 4:12 - No man hath seen God at any time, *except them who believe.*

What does John equate with being “born of God”?

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1 Jhn 5:1-2

What must we do first if we truly want to love and help others?

Bruce R. McConkie

“Every one that loveth Christ - who begets us spiritually and whose children we become when we are born again - loveth his brethren also, for his brethren have been adopted into the same family with him and have a special, spiritual kinship with him”. (DNTC 3:401)

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1Ne 11:21-23

[21] And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father! Knowest thou the meaning of the tree which thy father saw?

[22] And I answered him, saying: Yea, it is the love of God, which sheddeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men; wherefore, it is the most desirable above all things.

[23] And he spake unto me, saying: Yea, and the most joyous to the soul.

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4Ne 1:15

And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people

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D&C 95:1

Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you whom I love, and whom I love I also chasten that their sins may be forgiven, for with the chastisement I prepare a way for their deliverance in all things out of temptation, and I have loved you

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D&C 76:114-116

114. But great and marvelous are the works of the Lord, and the mysteries of his kingdom which he showed unto us, which surpass all understanding in glory, and in might, and in dominion;

115 Which he commanded us we should not write while we were yet in the Spirit; and are not lawful for man to utter;

116 Neither is man capable to make them known, for they are only to be seen and understood by the power of the Holy Spirit, which God bestows on those who love him, and purify themselves before him;

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Rom 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God

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1Cor 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him

God Is Light

1Jhn 1:4-7

What do you think John is referring to when he tells us to “walk in the light”?

What is the promise of those who walk in the light?

Delbert L. Stapley

“The gospel of Christ is a lamp in our hands to guide us in righteous paths. Light can always dissipate darkness, but darkness can never replace light. It is only when the light of the Spirit within us is dimmed or goes out that the darkness of temptation and sin enters in, and Satan takes over.” (CR, April 1968)

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“Christ’s light brings hope, happiness, and healing of any spiritual wound or ailment. Those who experience this refining influence become instruments in the hands of the Light of the World to give light to others. They will feel what King Lamoni felt: ‘This light had infused such joy into his soul, the cloud of darkness having been dispelled, and... the light of everlasting life was lit up in his soul’ (Alma 19:6).” (CR, Oct. 2017)

God Is Light

1Jhn 2:8-10

What is the promise of those who walk in the light?

D&C 50:24-25

[24] That which is of God is light; and he that receiveth light, and continueth in God, receiveth more light; and that light groweth brighter and brighter until the perfect day.

[25] And again, verily I say unto you, and I say it that you may know the truth, that you may chase darkness from among you;

God Is Life

1 Jhn 5:11-13,20

What is the promise of those who walk in the light?

Robert D. Hales

“How I love the commandments of the Lord! If we faithfully obey the commandments, we are promised the blessings of eternal life. Eternal life, ‘the greatest of all the gifts of God’ (D&C 14:7), is to be exalted and to live with Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ in all the eternities to come. He dearly wants us to return to Him. (CR, April 1996)

Apostasy

Jude 1:4

Apostasy

Jude 1:11

Why do you think someone would purposefully corrupt the practices and doctrine of the Church? What motivates apostates?

Apostasy

Jude 1:16-23

What can we do to reverse the work of these apostates and help others come to Christ?

Russell M. Nelson

“When we choose to... allow the Savior to transform us into the best version of ourselves. We choose to grow spiritually and receive joy—the joy of redemption in Him. When we choose to repent, we choose to become more like Jesus Christ!

“Brethren, we need to do better and be better because we are in a battle. The battle with sin is real. The adversary is quadrupling his efforts to disrupt testimonies and impede the work of the Lord. He is arming his minions with potent weapons to keep us from partaking of the joy and love of the Lord.” (CR, April 2019)

Next Week:

December 4–10

Revelation 1–5

“Glory, and Power, Be unto ... the Lamb
for Ever”

