



Known For Our Love

Mathew 25:31-40 The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

As children of God we should be known by our Love for others. Another way to say this, is to acknowledge that in the kingdom of God, we are lovers.

As Christ followers, our identity is to become like Him. We are to be lovers -

Isaiah 53:2-5 "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men".

1. **Yet the beauty of Jesus was his unconditional Love.**

Beauty reflects a life of love and calls us to "Authentic disciplines" that when lived demonstrate our love for God and the Beauty of following Jesus.

- **Putting others first.**
- **Cultivating contentment in God alone.**
- **Strength through adversity.**
- **Patience through waiting.**
- **Choosing forgiveness.**
- **Living with another world in mind.**

A life of beauty requires paying attention to the proper spiritual gauges in our life.

Example:

Fever- Use a thermometer as a gauge.

Car has gas- check the fuel gauge on your dash.

Gaining weight – the scales become your gauge.

We often check the wrong spiritual gauges:

Love is the best measurement!

Matthew 25: 34-40

2. Jesus taught us in whatever you have done to the least of these you have done it unto me.

As sons and daughters, we Love God, when we love what God Loves.

God Loves People

- The Hungry
- The Thirsty
- The Strangers
- The Naked and Vulnerable
- The Sick
- The Prisoner

3. Our Identity should be: That we are lovers!

Peter after he denied Jesus - he forgot who he was. He went back to fishing, but Jesus found him to remind him that he was a lover.

John 21:15-17 - Peter do you love me?

No theology is of any threat or consequence until we try to apply it to our lives.

A person who refuses to confirm to this world will change it.

How do I respond?

- Be a friend
- Draft a personal Mission statement
- Act on your sense of calling
- Free up 2 to 4 hours a week to be involved in acts of defiant beauty.