

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 3

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4

□ MARK IF READ \*BONUS\* □ PROVERBS 3 □ PSALM 11-15

1 JOHN 4:11

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God has demonstrated His love to us in such a powerful way. He is not just a God of words, but of action. We talk of love. We even have ambition to be a great lover. We all would want to be known as one who loved. I think we all would acknowledge how highly esteemed it is to be a great lover. Yet at the end of the day, love is all about doing. We can say "I love you" all day long, but if it is not backed up by actions, it is empty words. How are you showing your love to the brethren? How are you reaching out? How are you filling that void in the lives of others. The greatest need in the world is to be loved. We must walk with God that He would produce His love in us!

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MONDAY—NOVEMBER 27

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: John 19:23-42

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JOHN 19:26-27

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Jesus loved His mother and honored her. Even though He was God, He acknowledged her and respected her for who she was in His life from a human perspective. We can learn from Christ that it is important to take care of our loved ones. He made sure even after He was gone that Mary would be cared for and loved. He chose arguably the most loving disciple, John. As you grow older, you will need to remember that you will not always be around. Be sure those you love are cared for to the best of your ability. Paul's advice in 1 Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel..." was written in the context of caring for widows. It is Christian to be sure people are cared for when we are not around.

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1 JOHN 3:9

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

This verse can be confusing to the casual reader or new believer. You may say, "I'm born again, yet I still struggle with sin." So did Paul. See Romans 7! Paul said in Rom. 7:18, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:" and in 7:20, "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." Here's the deal—the flesh sins, and the Spirit does not. It is our spirit that is born-again. It cannot sin. It is pure and holy. That is the seed the Scripture speaks of—the divine DNA that entered our lives at salvation. Our flesh did not get saved. Some day—Hallelujah—we will be rid of this old flesh! That which is born-again in us is sinless.

QUESTIONS

11. What act of God helps us perceive His great love for us? \_\_\_\_\_
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1 JOHN 2:2

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Webster defines propitiation as "1. The act of appeasing wrath and conciliating the favor of an offended person... 2. In theology, the atonement or atoning sacrifice offered to God to assuage his wrath..." His righteous life, sacrificial death, pure shed blood, and glorious resurrection has satisfied the justice of God. And He did not just do that for a select few. Propitiation is available to "the whole world." Don't ever let anyone persuade you into believing the heresy of "limited atonement." The only thing that limits the atoning power of salvation is the rejection of sinners. The lifting up of Christ on the cross was an act of God to call ALL sinners to repentance!

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: John 20

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JOHN 20:7

And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

I know what I'm about to say may seem very distant from the context of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but consider how important details were to our Lord. The Scripture indicates that material used to dress Jesus for His burial was folded neatly in place. If it were not for your mother, how would your bed look right now if I went in your room to view it. How about the clothes from yesterday? Would they still be thrown in the corner? One thing you will note about a mature Christian is a desire for order and neatness. To be sure, you can be extreme about it, but Jesus is not the author of confusion. Be like Jesus. Strive to be more neat and orderly.

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- 3. What is another way to say "Master?" 4. In what verse did Thomas indicate the deity of Jesus Christ? 5. Why did John write His Gospel?

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JOHN 21:15

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I think that one of the lessons that Jesus was trying to teach Peter and all of us is that true love is more than words. If we really love as we “say” we do, it will be manifested in action. The “feeding of the lambs” is symbolic of the meeting of the needs of God’s people within the ministries that God has called us to. We all have the responsibility of acting as loving shepherds caring for our sheep. You may say you love, but who are you feeding? What lambs are receiving the spiritual nourishment that they need because of the influence of your life? Sadly, many are starving. They have no truly loving shepherd in their life. Feed Jesus lambs. Show your true love for Jesus.

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- 6. On what Sea did Jesus show Himself to His disciples after the Resurrection? \_\_\_\_\_
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