



# Love – Week Number 3 – Our Response To God's Love Part One

Connect and review	Notes
Sharing about personal reflections on last week's suggested activities, namely: (i) how has God's common grace affected your life; & (ii) at what moment in your life did saving grace become apparent?	
Inspire and engage	
<p>In this first week on how to respond to God's love we will look at obedience and holiness.</p> <p>See: <b>Luke 6:46; Matthew 7:24; John 2:5; 14:15, 23+24; 2 John 6.</b></p> <p>The simplest way to show that we love God is to do as He tells us – to follow the teaching of the Bible and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It sounds easy but actually doing this every day is difficult because it presents us with a whole new way of living. See <b>Isaiah 55:8+9.</b></p> <p>But doing what He wants brings its own blessing – <b>Leviticus 26:3-10; Acts 5:32.</b></p> <p>Another way to show we love God is to live a holy life. What is holiness? "To be separated to God", to be in a right relationship with God and to show increasingly in our lives that we are being changed more and more to be like Him. See <b>Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:16.</b></p> <p>God the Father is committed to making us more and more like His Son, Jesus: to do this we have to change – our thoughts, attitudes, behaviour, words, and so our character, the real person we are on the inside.</p>	
Explore and apply	
<p><b>Explore</b></p> <p><b>1 Samuel 15:22+23</b></p> <p>1. How does this action of God tie in with His mercy? 2. What do you think would have happened if Saul had asked for forgiveness, so recognising his sin? 3. Why is obedience so important to God?</p>	
Apply	
In what ways do we need to be more obedient to our parents, employers, the law and the government?	
Reflect and review	
<p><i>Personal reflection:</i></p> <p>1. How obedient to God are you? 2. How much do you read and obey the Bible? 3. How much do you listen to and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit?</p>	
<p><i>Suggested activity:</i></p> <p>How can you demonstrate greater love for God either through obedience and/or holiness?</p>	