#### The Fruit of the Spirit: Love

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## 1. Our <u>initial view</u> of loved is <u>corrupt</u>.

- We say we "love" something if it serves us.
- We love as long as we get what we want.
- We love <u>idols</u> because they can <u>be manipulated and controlled</u>.

## 2. The love of God communicates acceptance only in Christ.

- God's love is to act in the <u>best possible way</u> toward another.
- Godly love <u>initiates</u>. John 3:16
- God is not stingy in His love for us! Rom. 5:5

#### 3. How to increase God's love in your life.

- The primary way is through <u>prayer</u>. John 17:25, Eph. 3:14-19
- Gaining God's perspective. Luke 10:25-37
- What God gets from me is <u>His ability to display His love in my life</u>.

# **Application:**

• Show God's love by <u>initiating</u>.