



Revolution of Love

I John 3:16-18; 4:7-18

I. The Source of Love



**“This is love, not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and sent His Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”**

1 John 4:10



II. The Demonstration of Love

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” | John 3:16,17



I was hungry

And you formed a humanities club and
discussed my hunger.

Thank you

I was imprisoned

And you quietly crept off to your chapel in the
cellar and prayed for my release.

I was naked

And in your mind you debated the morality of
my appearance.

I was sick

And you knelt and thanked God for your health

I was homeless

And you preached to me from the spiritual
shelter of the love of God

I was lonely

And you left me alone to pray for me

You seemed so holy;
so close to God

BUT

I'm still very hungry, sick, homeless, lonely and
cold

So where have your prayers gone?

What does it profit a man

To page through his book of prayers

When the rest of the world is crying for his help?



III. The Power of Love

“By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:35



IV. The Examples of Jesus' Love

A. Loving the “untouchables”

“There is one test and one test only of the extent of our love for God and it’s a very uncomfortable one: how have we handled the poor” Michael Green, *More than Conquerors*



- B. Loving your enemy



— Oscar Wilde

- C. Loving the stranger, the new immigrant, the refugee



V. Love lived out
A. Self-crucified



- B. Service



- C. Sacrifice



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“Nothing was too costly for the Christians when the common interest of the surrendered brotherhood was at stake, so that they developed an incredible activity in the works of love.” Eberhard Arnold.

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable...the only place outside of heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers...of love is Hell” C.S. Lewis

Conclusion

What would my life look like if I lived it really believing I was loved by God?

I'd love other people more easily

I'd have more confidence in who I am

I'd celebrate other's achievements more quickly and not resent their successes

I'd relax in my relationship with the Lord

I'd accept others' flaws with more grace

I'd give love from an overflow.

