

## Faceless but not Baseless

You've seen 8 reasons why we love Jesus, even though we've never seen Him. But what we should also understand this morning is this ...

- 1 John 4:19 says ... ***We loved Him because He first loved us***
- Paul said in 2 Cor. 5:14 ... ***For the love of Christ constraineth us;***
  - ***constraineth*** gives the sense of *motivated*

And the thought to leave you with is this ... all of the things mentioned this morning are the basis of our love for Jesus; but our love for Christ would not be possible without Him first loving us?

How did He love us?

Romans 5:8 tells us ...

- ***But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us***

John 3:16 tells us ...

- ***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life***

Romans 8:38-39 tells us ... ***38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

You see ... without first receiving Christ's love ... by getting saved and accepting Him as your Savior ... it is impossible to reflect Christ's love back on to the Lord and onto others.

Are you saved this morning?

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1 Peter 1:1-9

Have you ever fallen in love with something based on how it looks? Perhaps a car, piece of art, or home? For the most part, our sight plays a major role in that progression of love. It is therefore, uncommon and unnatural to fall in love with something that we have yet to lay our eyes on. Yet, in v8 Peter tells us that is exactly what has happened with the Believer and Jesus Christ.

But what we will see this morning is that, even though the object of our love is faceless to us for now, because none of us has actually looked upon Him, our love for Jesus is not baseless.

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**I: We Love Him for His Great \_\_\_\_\_: v3**

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

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**II: We Love Him For His Marvelous \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 2**

*<sup>2</sup> Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

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**III: We Love Him For His Glorious \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 2**

*<sup>2</sup> Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

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**IV: We Love Him For His Wonderful \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 4**

*<sup>4</sup> To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

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**V: We Love Him For His Blessed \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 5**

*<sup>5</sup> Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

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**VI: We Love Him For His Infinite \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 6-7**

*<sup>6</sup> Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:  
<sup>7</sup> That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

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**VII: We Love Him For His Unspeakable \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 8**

*<sup>8</sup> Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:*

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**VIII: We Love Him For His Promised**

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*<sup>9</sup> Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*

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