How A Disciple of Jesus Loves

"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply . . . love"

(2 Peter 1:5, 7).

The Three Loves Defined

- A disciple loves his <u>Lord</u>:
 - We love God with all our heart, mind, and soul (Matt. 22:37).
 - "Whoever loves the Father loves His Son" (1 John 5:1).
- A disciple loves his <u>brothers and sisters</u>:
 - This love is the mark of a true disciple (John 13:34-35).
 - We have passed from death to life with this love (1 Jn. 3:14).
- A disciples loves the lost:
 - Jesus saw the lost as sheep without a shepherd (Mt. 9:35-38).
 - Paul offered his soul for the salvation of the Jews (Rom. 9:3).

The Three Loves Demonstrated

- Our love for the Lord is demonstrated through worship:
 - We worship through our public assemblies (Heb. 10:224-25).
 - We worship through our private devotions (Matt. 6:6).
- Our love for each other is seen through <u>fellowship</u>:
 - We fellowship in each act of worship (1 Cor. 14:15).
 - We fellowship in hospitality (1 Pet. 4:9) and service (Rom. 12:7).
- Our love for the lost is expressed through evangelism:
 - The Lord came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10).
 - He calls us to do the same, personally, and supporting others.

The Cost of Discipleship

- How are we doing in showing a disciple's love:
 - Some worship God in public, but not in private.

- Some fellowship at the church building but not in their homes.

Some evangelize at home, but do not support evangelism abroad, where it is so desperately needed: The Gospel Is For All (Hymn by J. M. McCaleb, 1921).

"And this I pray, that your love may abound

still more and more in real knowledge and

all understanding" (Philippians 1:9).