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What is meant by I love you?

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Can one truly understand love?

There are five basic kinds of love in our society; not counting sick or perverted types of love.

1/ love - in relationships

Friend - deep affection, fondness, tenderness, warmth,

This is the friendship you have with a very close relationship and should be how you treat people, especially your brothers and sisters in Christ. As Jesus said in John: Jesus don't judge you, he don't get his nose out of joint if you mess up, he won't lie to you - he tells the truth even if you don't like it.

Nowadays people won't tell the truth, in FEAR of offending you. You overlook any quirks that don't effect one's salvation and forgive a persons shortcomings.

John 13:34* A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

2/ **Marriage or an affair** -- intimacy, attachment, endearment; devotion, adoration, doting, idolization, passion, desire, lust, yearning, infatuation.

This is the type of love the majority of society relate to today, especially the younger generation. There is little teaching against sex compared to what the news media, schools, universities and society teaches. And this includes, homes and churches, as long as you use a condom everything is OK.

This teaching or opinion is HOGWASH:

Hebrews 13:4* Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

3/ love affair - without sex

relationship, romance, liaison, **affair of the heart**, intrigue, fling, amour, involvement, romantic entanglement; flirtation,

There are multitudes of MARRIED people that have this type of affair and don't think there sinning against their spouse or God. WRONG, just because you don't have sex physically, doesn't mean your emotions or adrenaline isn't functioning.

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman (or man) to lust after her (or him) hath committed adultery with her (or him) already in his heart.

4/ Love for God

Worship, praise, adoration, willing to give your ALL;

The majority of professing Christians figure that when they attend their denomination and sing a few choruses, they are praising and worshipping God. I ask you? If you walk into a barn, do you become a cow? OF COURSE NOT, neither does going through the rituals of church.

John 4:23* But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

If you just praise and worship God in church you have nothing, UNLESS you are in church everyday?

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

John 14:15* If ye love me, keep my commandments.

5/ General type Love (things)

a great interest and pleasure in something : *his love for sports | we share a love of music, I love my car etc.*

Now unfortunately this type of love has a headlock on a lot of people. The love of things or toys, has a much higher priority than loving God or family. There is nothing wrong in the things you can enjoy BUT who has the priority? God and

family should always come first in your life and in that order.
Matthew 6:33* **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and
his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

*I trust this gives you an understanding of the different meanings of
love.*

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