

Now What?

Learning to Love without Compromising Truth

(Reflections from the message on Sunday – May 22, 2016)

Remember Who You Are

¹⁷God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸“There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. ¹⁹And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

John 3:17-21 NLT

In the past six weeks we have learned how to help people find an avenue to the grace and mercy of God who do not want to come to church through the 4 Acts of Love. But in an effort to share the love of Christ we have to be careful not to compromise the core values and truth of the scriptures. How?

This week we have been reminded that we belong to God. By using **Ephesians 1:3-14** answer the following:

1. Who is identified as belonging to God? (**vs. 5 & 12-14**)
2. What was God's motivation to choose us? (**vs. 5, 12, 14**)
3. How did God demonstrate His love for us? (**v. 7; Romans 6:23**)
4. Why? (**vs. 9-11**)

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We have some responsibility with this plan of God.

5. In **Galatians 2:20-21**, what is our responsibility?
6. **Romans 12:1-5** has some great instruction for us as we approach the world of skeptics and “once attended” folks in our neighborhoods. What does this passage say to you about guarding your life as God’s child?
7. If God is working in us through the faith He has given to us, what are we facing as we approach the world? (**Philippians 2:12-18**)
8. In this same passage (**Phil. 2:12-18**) how has the apostle Paul instructed us to live?