A) We may find it easy to say we love God.

B) Yet the real test of our love for God is our obedience to His word and that includes us loving our fellow man, **1 John 4.20-21**.

C) Marriage teaches us about love.

1. How can we say we love God when we do not love our spouse?

2. God who loved us even when we were difficult to love tells us to love our spouse even when it is difficult to do so.

**I) How To Have Love In A Marriage**

**A) You have to are going to love your spouse**

1. The world thinks of "love" as an irresistible force that one "falls into", or something you must wait for, that just happens to you without choice.

2. For any marriage to work, both the husband and wife must choose to love each other**. Genesis 24.67**

3. God commands husbands and wives , **Ephesians 5.25; Titus 2.4**

**B) Love as we it**

1. Marriage is a labor of love; it takes hard work or lots of practice to get it right.

2. Older married couples, especially Christians have lots of practice in love and can pass that on to younger couples, **Titus 2.3-5.**

**C) Love is to** , **1 Thess. 4.9-10.**

1. Do you love your spouse now more than you did when you got married?

2. Do you love them more now than last week?

**II) Marriage Teaches Us To Love, When It Is Difficult**

**A) The Christian is to love others even when it is , Luke 6.32-34**

1. It is when we show love when others treat us badly when our love reflects God's love, **Luke 6.35-36.**

2. God demonstrated His love toward us while we were yet , **Romans 5.6-8**.

**B) When it is difficult to love in marriage, you have to choose to love and not play the**

**III) Lessons Of Love Which Marriage Teaches Us**

**A) The Importance of**

1. Marriage requires us to think about the other person and their interest, **Phil. 2.3-4**

2. In marriage a person must change their mind set and ways or there will be problems, **1 Cor. 13.4-5.**

3. Once married, life is not about you, but the other person, **Deut. 24.5.**

**B) Marriage teaches us to make , Luke 9.23**

1. Both people will make sacrifices in a marriage.

2. Marriage can teach a person what it means to truly love someone, **John 15.12-13.**

**C) Marriage teaches us to love another person , Matthew 22.37-39**

1. The closest "neighbor" we will ever have is our spouse.

2. By your words and example you do your best to help your spouse go to heaven, **1 Tim. 4.16; 1 Peter 3.1-2.**

Conclusion: Let us all learn to love as God loved us. Let us show that love is our marriages.