

Outline on Biblical Love: An Expression of Goodness and Care

Matthew 5:43-48

Introduction

- Defined as "an expression of goodness and care."
- Three key aspects of Biblical love:
 1. Love is a Choice
 2. Love is not selfish
 3. Love can run cold

Love is a Choice

- Love as a deliberate choice.
- Genesis 3:6 - The choice of Adam and Eve.
- Exodus 20:6 - God's enduring love and mercy.
- Choosing to love aligns us with God's will.

Love is not Selfish

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - The "Love Chapter."
- Characteristics of true love:
 - Love is patient
 - Love is kind
 - Love does not envy
 - Love does not boast
 - Love is not proud
 - Love does not dishonour others
 - Love is not self-seeking
 - Love is not easily angered
 - Love keeps no record of wrongs
 - Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth
 - Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres
- True love seeks the welfare of others.

Love Can Run Cold

- Revelation 2:4 - Forsaking first love.
- Revelation 3:19 - The call to repentance.
- The importance of nurturing and maintaining love.

Conclusion

- Biblical love as a powerful and transformative force.
- A daily choice, a selfless act, and a commitment.
- Striving to embody divine love in our lives.