Today's Theme

So, Am I Following Jesus? "3rd Proof: We Love Him"

Series Title

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So, Am I Following Jesus?
"1st Proof: We Know Him"
"2nd Proof: We *Trust* Him"
"3rd Proof: We *Love* Him"

- 1. Jesus gives us reasons to love Him.
- (1) Because He's irresistible.
- (2) Because He's relentless.
- (3) Because He cares for us deeply.
- (4) Because He offers us eternal safety.
- 2. Jesus gives us three key roles to play.
- (1) To be salt in this life.

Matt 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

(2) To be light in this life.

Matt 5:13 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ...

(3) To be lovers of people.

Jn 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another.

3. Practical ways to pull off loving Him?

- (1) Hang out with others who love Jesus.

 1 Cor 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- (2) Don't stop *listening* or *talking* to Jesus. 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed 1 Thess 5:17 pray continually,
- (3) Learn to *practice* Jesus *with* you. Psalm 46:10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
- (4) Fight hard to stay thankful.

 1 Thess 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- (5) Keep telling others your story.
 Revelation 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.
- (6) Ask Jesus to reveal His love to you. John 14:21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."
- (7) Stay in *love* w/Jesus *over* everything. James 3:2 We all stumble in many ways.

Rom 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.