

Godly Love

II Peter 1:6-7
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God gives us Christ-like character, godly love. God is the God of all grace. He has given us everything we need for a life of godliness, a life of god likeness. God forms the life of Christ in us! Real love, godly love, takes the initiative and acts on its own at its own expense to meet the need that it sees, and it does so at awful cost.

1. A. What is the good news about love?
John 3:16, I John 4:8, 10, 16

B. Why do we celebrate this good news?
John 3:14-16, Romans 8:35-39

2. A. What Christian virtues have we already been exhorted to II Peter 1?
II Peter 1:5-6, Philippians 4:8, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Galatians 5:22-23,
Romans 5:3-4

B. How do these virtues come about?
II Peter 1:3, Galatians 5:16

C. Compare the description of godly love in II Peter 1:7 to the description in I
Corinthians 13:4-8a.

3. A. What are we exhorted to in II Peter 1:7?

B. Godly love is described three ways in II Peter 1:7: godliness or God likeness, brotherly kindness, and love or Christian love. How are these terms used in the Bible?

Matthew 22:36-39, John 14:9, Acts 3:12, Romans 8:28-29,
II Corinthians 3:18, I Timothy 2:1-2, 3:14-16, 4:7-8, 6:3-6

4. A. How does the Bible define love and describe love?

I John 4:10, I Corinthians 13:4-8a, Galatians 5:22

B. How is godly love acted out?

Ephesians 5:22, 25, 6:1

C. What are the results of godly love?

I John 3:16-18, 4:7-11