

## Why – Part 2

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*  
**John 3:16-17 (NKJV)**

### The What and The Why!

The “what” deals with information, knowing what do! The “why” deals with motivation, the reason for doing!

- We are expected to love.
- The proof of love is generosity.
- To love God’s way is to be willing to give God’s way.

*Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.*  
**1 John 4:7-12 (NLT)**

**Principle: The Father wants all of His children to become just like Him and that is to be generous with love towards others.**

*We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first. If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.*  
**1 John 4:16-21 (NLT)**

- To be generous in love towards others we need to: Adopt the correct life stance.

*I have told you this, so that you might have peace in your hearts because of me. While you are in the world, you will have to suffer. But cheer up! I have defeated the world.*  
**John 16:33 (CEV)**

- A life stance – a person’s overall frame of reference.

**A set of attitudes, assumptions, and expectations people hold about themselves, other people, and life.**

*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.*  
**Proverbs 13:12 (NIV)**

- To be generous in love towards others we need to: get rid of emotional garbage.

*Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!*  
**Philippians 4:4 (NLT)**

*I urge Euodia and Syntyche to iron out their differences and make up. God doesn’t want his children holding grudges.*  
**Philippians 4:2 (MSG)**

*Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.*  
**Philippians 4:5 (NLT)**

*But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don’t know which is better. I’m torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. **But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith.***  
**Philippians 1:22-25 (NLT)**

*You can start looking forward to a great reunion when I come visit you again. **We’ll be praising Christ, enjoying each other.***  
**Philippians 1:26 (MSG)**