

The Father's Love: *From Us to the World*

John 17:23-26

I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and **that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.** ²⁴Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for **You loved Me before the foundation of the world.** ²⁵O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, **that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."**

Jesus' prayer is that the world would know that the Father has sent Him, and that the Father loves us as much as He loves Jesus!

*This amazing love demonstrated by the Father in sending His Son to redeem us is the Good News that a hurting and dying world needs so desperately to know.
How will they see and come to know the Father's love?*



Mark 12:30

And **you shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

The first step is for us to grasp the immense love the Father has for us – He loves us as much as He loves Jesus! Our response to this awesome truth will be our loving the Father with everything we are and have.



Mark 12:31

And the second, like it, is this: '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' There is no other commandment greater than these."

*As we love the Father and grow in intimacy with Him, His love will also be poured out through us to the lost and dying world, thus fulfilling the priestly prayer of Jesus in **John 17.***