

## Christ, Culture, & The Cross

*Love Is. . .*

1 Corinthians 13

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### Is This It?

*Wise men say  
Only fools rush in  
But I can't help falling in love with you*

(Elvis Presley)

*You've lost that lovin' feelin'  
Now it's gone, gone, gone, woah-oh*

(The Righteous Brothers)

### Redefining The "Junk Drawer"

⇒ Agapē – \_\_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_\_

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:8)

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ Is Our \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_.

John's definition of love is blatant and clear cut—"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." [1 John 4:10] . . . If you want to know what love looks like, don't look in a dictionary. . . . Look at God in the flesh, giving his life away for the world.

Jesus' life is **the** example for how to love.

(John Mark Comer, *Loveology*)

## Love As Our Centerpiece

⇒ By \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ ...

We're \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_.

### Three Practical Steps:

1) “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)