

Do You Feel Loved

I enjoy hearing what children think about different subjects. This morning, I want to share with you some of their jewels of wisdom regarding love. To explain why love happens between two particular people, one 8-year-old said, "I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful."

- A 7-year-old said, "If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long."

- Another 8-year-old boy said, "Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I've been trying to hide from it since I was five, but girls keep finding me."

- And then, a 9-year-old has some advice on how to make someone fall in love with you. He said "Don't do things like have smelly, green sneakers. You might get attention, but attention ain't the same thing as love."

It's humorous listening to children try to describe what love is because they don't fully understand the concept. But, then again, I'm not sure most adults do either.

Just hours before he was arrested, Jesus said to his disciples that the one thing that would identify his followers would be their love. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

I have a serious question to ask you? Do you feel loved in Christ's church? Some of you will say yes. Some of you will say no. Now I want to counter the first question with an even more important one. Do you give love to others in Christ's church? Some of us live our lives so focused on ourselves that we never consider if we are meeting the needs of others, especially by showing them love.

Please consider today who you can show love to. It's amazing how often love is reciprocated after we've given love to someone, especially someone not in your current circle of close friends.

Love is a gift we have received from God. As we read in John 13:35 above, be recognized as a child of God, a disciple of Jesus, by giving love.

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