

The Five Love-Languages of Jesus Christ

Google “Love Languages” and you will find millions of possibilities. Because of Dr. Gary Chapman’s book on this topic, this phrase has become common in the church today. A look at the love language of Jesus Christ reveals a deeper and more demanding love-language that runs counter to human nature. While the concept that Mr. Chapman presents have some helpful thoughts in human relationships, meditating on the life of Christ as he lives a language of love will have profound implications in your personal life. The following five expressions of Christ’s love are portrayed chronologically by His very life.

I. Self denial

Jesus as God shared all the glory and privilege of creator and King in eternity past, yet chose to deny himself of position, glory and privilege and voluntarily restricted himself and became a human being. As such he had to experience, birth, human development, suffering, pain, grief and great physical difficulty for the glory of God and for the eternal good of those he created. (Phil. 2:4-8)ⁱ

II. Submission

As a boy, he chose to submit himself to his parents, in spite of their sinful parenting as demonstrated by their accusations of his actions. (Luke 2:41-52; Jn.5:30)ⁱⁱ

III. Service

Jesus’ life purpose was to serve and to give of himself, while he lived, in his death, and now he continues to serve His redeemed. (Matt. 20:28; Heb. 7:25)ⁱⁱⁱ His example and His love calls you and me to live our lives “*no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf*” (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

IV. Suffering

Suffering has come as a result of man’s rebellion (Gen. 3; Rom. 5), yet God has chosen to redeem His fallen image-bearers through Christ’s suffering (Eph.1:3-6; 1 Pet.2:24; Tit.2:13-14). God’s redemptive plan was to use suffering to show His care for us by offering Jesus to restore us to a right relationship with Him. Through Creation-Fall-Redemption story line of the Bible, we see suffering as a common thread tying it all together. God’s ultimate plan is eternal glorification. Like the pain of childbirth, there will be joy when it’s all over. Until then, God calls us to walk in Jesus’ footsteps of suffering as an example for us to follow (1 Pet 2:18-24; Heb. 5:8)^{iv} as He calls us to respond by trusting God in the face of our suffering.

V. Sacrifice

Jesus the God-man offered his life and chose to die as a sacrifice to God to save you and me. (Eph. 5:1-2; Heb.9:14)^v Every redeemed soul is saved by Christ’s life and death and resurrection for the purpose of life-long, sacrificial giving for God’s glory and for the good of others (2 Cor. 5:9,14-21; Lu. 9:23).

Jesus Christ’s life demonstrates a language of love that demonstrates by example what a Christian will seek to model. Biblical language of love seeks to demonstrate the love of Christ by seeking the glory of God in everything as one seeks the eternal good of everyone they meet, everywhere, all of the time (Lu. 6:40)
In the end, love will win (1 Cor. 15:20-28; John 3:35) over sin and suffering thru a conquering King!

- How well you are demonstrating each of these attributes in your personal relationships?
- How might your relationships change if you intentionally chose to live out Christ’s love-language instead of expecting to be loved in ways that would make you feel loved?
- Meditate on the fact that all of the commands of God’s Word are summarized in two commands; “*love God*” and “*love your neighbor*”. This doesn’t suggest a need be overly concerned about how one is loved (Phil. 2:4)

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.
(Luke 6:40 ESV)

Christ demonstrates His Supremacy through a life of love and love wins in the end!

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. (John 3:35 NASU)

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are

Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, " All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is accepted who put all things in subjection to Him. 28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:20-28 NASU)

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ⁱ Philippians 2:4-8 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

ⁱⁱ Luke 2:51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Jn.5:30 I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ESV

ⁱⁱⁱ Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live ***might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.***

^{iv} 1 Pet 2:18-24 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. 19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. NASU

Heb. 5:8 Although he was a son, he leaned obedience through what he suffered. ESV

^v Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Heb.9: 14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.