

## Sermon Reflection: True Love - Who is hard to love? WE ALL ARE!

**Introduction:** Who are the people in your life that are difficult to love?

What makes them difficult?

- Performance
- Condition
- Circumstances

TimO's example: I decided to make a prayer card with a list of the "difficult people" in my life so I could pray for them. After praying for them for that first morning I realized the only thing these folks had in common was ME. I was the one that was and is the problem. So I threw the card away and made a new list starting with TimO as the first name on the list.

### **Selfish and Polluted –**

- Our selfishness makes us constipated and clenched up.
- Where are you enjoying God's love but not sharing his love?

### **Grace instead of Justice –**

- Grace, Jesus dies for us. Justice, we deserve to die.
- Justice, we acknowledge the death we deserve. Grace, we receive the gift of Life.
- Repentance – Work of Holy Spirit to flip us 180 degrees from Death to Life.

### **Other Worldly Love**

- Clarity – We know
- Sourcing – Holy Spirit in us
- By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
  - "Ought to love" is a RE-ACTION.
  - Jesus' love for us in his death on the cross is the Love Action that fuels our loving others.
  - Where have you forgotten the love of the Jesus on the cross that in your RE-ACTION to a hard person to love you refuse to lay down your desires for theirs?