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**(God's) Love is not (only) objective?, on: 2006/5/18 3:24**

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Love is **not** objective?

**Re: Love is not objective - posted by beenblake (), on: 2006/5/18 8:29**

If love is not objective, does that mean it is subjective? What is love?

Blake

**Re: Love is not objective - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2006/5/18 8:32**

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In the words of Pauline Hanson, "Please explain (pronounced 'exploin')?"  
 (Aussie joke, but serious question).

**Re: Love is not objective - posted by Treasureak, on: 2006/5/18 14:54**

Love is Submissive... and as we All know love is patient, and kind it does not take into accout any wrong doings, it forgiv es and it gives, and it gives, and it gives.

What do you mean by objective?

I believe that love is wanting to get to know someone, without judging them. It's being sensative enough to know and discern certain concerns. It's to weep with those who weep, and to rejoice with those who rejoice.

What is Love? This is what my bible says;

LOVE, we may have given up on love. Perhaps we have waited for love to find us, only to be disappointed. Maybe our loved ones have hurt us so badily that we needed to numb ourself from the pain. In the past. It is God's will that we love ot hers; without love nothing else matters 1 Corn 13:1-3 -- Love is more that a feeling, YES IT IS, it is choosing to behave i n loving ways. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, produced in our life as we yield to God. Amen The bible defines it this way: "L ove is patient and kind." " Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude" "Love never gives up!" " Love never loses fait h", "Love is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance".

No one loves perfectly, but we must learn how to love. We can ask God to help us love others and stop waiting fro them to love us. We cannot expect to be good at loving right away; we should be patient as God's love grows within us and he teaches us how to love. When we choose to act in loving ways, the emtions will follow, and we will find that our love will be returned.

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**Re: - posted by Scroggins (), on: 2006/5/18 15:05**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it .

6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hope are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything .

8 Love never fails . As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away .

**Re: Love is not objective - posted by Treasureak, on: 2006/5/18 17:09**

Quote:

I hope other questions will spring naturally from considering this.

Thanks Dorcas for beginning this thread.

It seems that the more we speak about Love, the more we desire to dissect God's word and begin to share through out S cripture what LOVE is, what LOVE means to us personally, and What LOVE meant to God.

John 3:16, For God so LOVED the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life.

LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL, it sacrifices it is always willing to go above and beyond. Without expecting anything in return, knowing that what you do you do it as unto the Lord.

**Re: Love is not objective, on: 2006/5/19 6:13**

Hi beenblake,

Quote:

-----If love is not objective, does that mean it is subjective?  
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I believe it has an *element* of subjectivity, and am wondering if it should be *totally subjective*, to be like God's, or, do we think God is also objective in His love for us, as we are in our love for others in certain situations?

Quote:

-----What is love?  
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What is **pure** love (like)?

CJaKfOrEsT wrote

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Serious answer; is objectivity necessary when discerning who and what to love, or, is it a product of the Fall which God is forced to accommodate because humans can't function without it (because the world is now a dangerous place because

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se of sin)?

Is God the Father's love 'objective'?

Is Christlikeness dependent on our losing as much objectivity as possible?

This is not something I've heard discussed before, so I hope it challenges some of our / my assumptions, wherever they may be.

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Amen.....this is where I turn everytime I need to remind myself of what Love truly is. What GOD says love is does not appear to me to be based on conditions, but ever hopeful inspite of the conditions. Blessings in Him, Cindy

**Re:, on: 2006/5/20 12:24**

Quote:

-----Dorcas said : What is pure love (like)?  
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I have been asking myself the same question the past couple of months. And when the study is over, I will tell you of all my discoveries.

But for now, I found out "love" means to DELIGHT in something/someone.

So, God loves you, can mean in a deeper way. God delights in you.

But, above all, I think we can only know what Love is by when we have RECEIVED HIS LOVE. \*God's love\*

1 John 4:19

We love, because He first loved us.

And even in a more practical way to describe this. If you don't have money in your pocket, you won't be able to give it out to another person, neither will you be able to look at it and examine it. So, first GET some money, then you can give it away and examine it.

So, FIRST receive God's love (love = the 'money' in the analogy). Then examine it.

That's my 'rough' findings as of now. (Keep in mind, it's not greatly organized and such, but I'm only 1/3 of the way through the study)

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**Re: Yes, love is objective! - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/5/20 21:10**

Dictionary definitions:

**Objective**

Uninfluenced by emotions or personal prejudices: an objective critic.

Based on observable phenomena; presented factually: an objective appraisal.

Indicating a symptom or condition perceived as a sign of disease by someone other than the person affected.

independent of individual thought, and perceptible by all observers

perceptible to persons other than the affected individual

**Subjective:**

Proceeding from or taking place in a person's mind rather than the external world: a subjective decision.

Particular to a given person; personal: subjective experience.

Illusory. Existing only within the experienter's mind.

Of, relating to, or designating a symptom or condition perceived by the patient and not by the examiner.

In view of these definitions, we would have to say that love is both. God's love infiltrates the entire human race. Many do not believe in God's love, and for them it is neither a subjective reality nor an objective reality.

Love is objective. IT is real. It is a fact. God is love. However, without subjective awareness, or without accepting its reality one remains in denial.

Those who do not have a subjective encounter with God's love will not be inclined to put their trust in him, or accept his mercy and forgiveness.

Love must be much more than an objective, doctrinal truth. It must be a subjective experience/reality in order for one to live a godly life that pleases God.

Yes, love is objective! If it wasn't, it would only be an illusion. And trusting in an illusion is false trust.

As YeshualsMyGod posted:

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Does that make sense?

Diane

**Re: (God's) Love is not (only) objective?, on: 2006/5/21 7:36**

Ah! Diane, welcome.

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I also came to the conclusion that *now*, love is objective (as well as subjective).

What exercised me enough to post the thread, was the thought that God's love is not objective. Every bit of objectivity He could have brought to bear against the human race, would have been enough for Him to justify not loving us any more, but, He did not choose that course. He chose, instead, to set forth His love in a way that our fallen, object-pre-occupied minds, can understand - JESUS.

However, even Jesus' love was not objective. He had to be fully convinced in His mind, and give His mind AND HIS BO

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DY fully to the task of loving us. To do that, *His* love had to be totally **subjective**. :-o

**Re: both objective and subjective - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/5/21 8:19**

Quote:  
-----To do that, His love had to be totally subjective.  
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This is key. Love was totally experienced by Christ. He KNEW love because he KNEW his Father.

Of course, that does not in any way exclude the objective FACT of Love. Love is also objective - apart from subjective experience. I press this point to bash at the belief that God is whatever you experience him to be. .. the "higher power" philosophy, where you make up your own reality, and that YOUR truth.

Diane

**Re:, on: 2006/5/21 8:54**

by Treasureak on 2006/5/18 14:54:13

Quote:  
-----Love is Submissive... and as we All know love is patient, and kind it does not take into account any wrong doings, it forgives and it gives, and it gives, and it gives.  
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If Love is submissive and submission can only be between equals, what does that say about the type of Love you allude to? .... and how do we arrive at it?

*God is Love.*

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Ormy, I think you brought forth an important point to consider. It's all about the way the word, "submission" is defined.

Worldly thinking tends to use and define the word as the relationship of a subordinate to a superior, but that is not what Jesus taught about submission. He taught us to give up our rights: our rightful places of position, our rightful belongings, or what is rightfully owed to us, for the benefit of others - regardless of how they are positioned on the hierarchical structure. That IS love.

Jesus set the example by surrendering his rightful place of divine authority and power to submit to mankind. That is love. Jesus taught his followers to wash dirty feet. That is submission. That is love - it has nothing to do with hierarchical structures.

A good example is a mother who gets up in the night to feed her crying newborn. Mom submits to junior out of love. She sacrificially gives up her right to sleep in order to meet a need of her subordinate.

So, we can say, love is always submissive. But submission is not always love. One can surrender their rights to a selfish superior power out of fear or desire to avoid flack or rejection. That is NOT loving submission. That does not help the selfish person(s) grow into maturity. Jesus never submitted to anyone's selfish desires. And we are commanded to do likewise.

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Do those thoughts bring clarification?

Diane

**Re: Love is not objective, on: 2006/5/21 15:00**

Quote:

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I'm sure this is true.

This is also how humans learn to love - by being loved, as Yeshua pointed out.

In the context of Christ loving us, I always think of

John 10

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall all be one fold; one shepherd.

17 **Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.**

18 **No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself.** I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

This is love.

John 17

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, **and will declare: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

**Re: - posted by trxx (), on: 2006/5/21 16:33**

There was a time that God spoke to me about love and for myself it was a revelation. I knew that the fulfillment of God's commandments was love. We are to love Him with all of our heart, all of our strength, all of our mind, and all of our soul, and the second commandment as given by Jesus in His Reader's Digest condensed version of the whole Law and the Prophets, was to love our neighbour as ourselves. I thought it therefore important that I should understand what love was. The first thing that He taught me was that love is a choice. It is not based on our emotions though we sometimes would interpret whether we love or not by our emotions. That is not to belittle our emotions. But He taught me that despite my feelings I needed to choose to spend time with Him. It was in the use of my freewill that I would express my love toward Him. It took me a while before I realized that I could use the same principles toward others. Just a slow learner I guess. When things are going well it is easy to love someone. It is also easy to study God's Word and to pray when we are feeling near to Him. But we must choose to pray and choose to spend time with Him when we are less than excited. Choosing and doing the right thing to do when it flies in the face of our emotions is an expression of true love. It's easy to love one who loves us but what to do to love that one who hurts us. If we depend on our emotions we will be no different than the rest of the world. We will likely respond just as the world does by returning evil for evil and excuse ourselves by saying that we are not perfect. No, we must choose the right way in these times. Sometimes love is easy, sometimes it is very difficult. But to sum it all up, love is a choice that we make and whether it is an easy choice or a difficult choice depends on the circumstances. Love is not based on our emotions and sometimes is carried out despite our emotions. We say that we fall out of love and it happens everyday in relationships and marriages but all that we are really saying is that we no longer feel the emotion that we first felt. Welcome to the human race. It happens to all. True love is not merely our emotion, it is not merely subjective, it is according to our freewill that we choose to love or choose not to love. God chooses to love us despite how we might treat Him. We are called to the same.

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Welcome, trxx,

Thank you for your exposition. That was a beautiful post!

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And very challenging.

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Hi Treasureak,

Now that I've seen your post on p30 of the 'Marriage, Divorce, ReMarriage - towards a biblical perspective' thread, I realised you had posted here, and although I had not agreed with you entirely, the simple statement which I've quoted above, requires to be challenged, in the light of your other questions.

You said: 'love... does not take into account any wrong doings..'

I'm going to stop there, because that simply is not true. If you really believe that, then whoever told you it, was lying abominably. This is a complete misrepresentation of the love of God, which took account of every sin every human will ever commit, and decided to take the judgment for them (the sins) upon **HIMSELF**.

**Re: (God's) Love is (not) objective?, on: 2008/2/14 22:39**

1 John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.