



## 1 John 4:9-10

- <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.
- <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

### O Come to The Altar



Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin

Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well

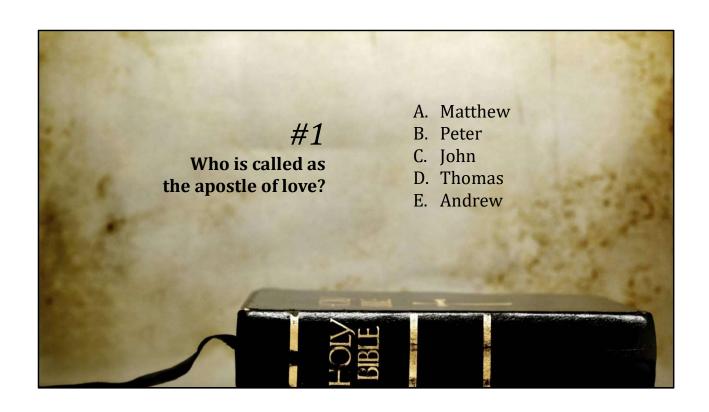
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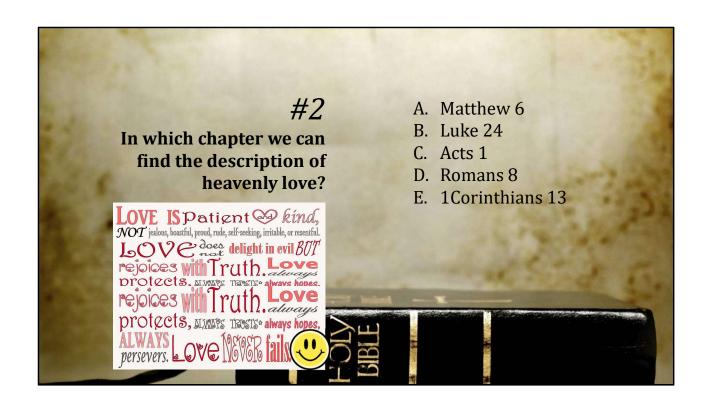
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are
open wide
Forgiveness was
bought with
The precious blood of
Jesus Christ

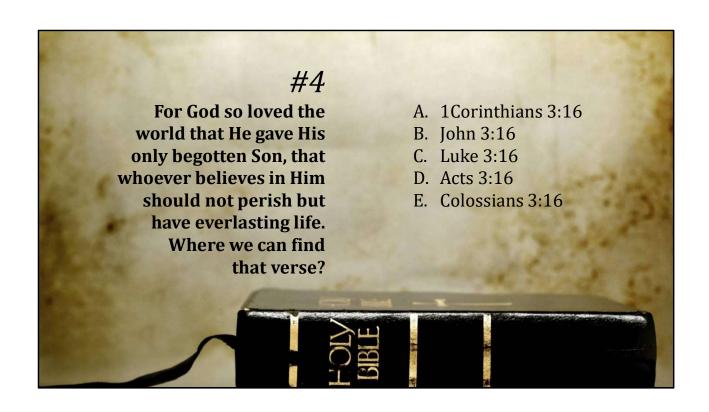
Oh what a Savior Isn't He wonderful Sing alleluia, Christ is risen Bow down before Him For He is Lord of all Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found











In your group, please read from **1John 3:1-3**, and then discuss these 3 short questions:

- In verse 1, we are called as children of God and it happens as we are born again in Christ. Could you find other names for people BEFORE and AFTER they are born again?
- 2. In verse 2, we can read that we will be **like Him**. With your own words, please give a short explanation what does it mean.
- 3. Become pure / holy really matters and it is always mentioned again and again throughout the Bible. In your opinion, why holiness is very important?

## GROUP DISCUSSION





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<sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

<sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.





#### **IDENTITY**

Now we are called as **the children of God!** Parents give **identity** to their children, put the **family name** on them. We are become different, not same again with this dark world.

**BEFORE**, we are called as a slave, children of darkness. **NOW** we are called as the children of light *Jn.12:36*, have the power to become the sons of God *Jn.1:12*. We are called as salt and light of this world, more than conqueror, friend of God, a living stone, etc.

So many times, God like to give a new identity for His beloved. Abram (high father) become Abraham (father of multitude), Jacob (heel holder; supplanter) become Israel (a prince of God), Simon Bar-Jonah (listen; listened) become Peter (rock; stone).



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#### **INCREASE**

The love of God will make us **increase**! Stretching, molding, shaping. Heavenly love accept us as who we are, but it will not let us to be the same as who we are. God's love is a strong love that change everything!



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#### **INDWELL**

The desire of God's love is to always be with His children. Jesus said: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also Jn.14:3.

God said: As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 1Pet.1:15-16

Holiness will enable us to dwell together forever with God.

# I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again to a family
Your blood flows through my veins

