



## “In Love With God”

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### I. **Revelation 2:1-5**

#### A. First Love...

1. **First – being before all others with respect to time, order, rank, importance, etc.**
2. **Matthew 22:36-38** “Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest!

#### B. **First Works**

1. Interesting note: Jesus encouraged the church at Ephesus concerning their good works and actions of faith, but corrected them concerning what should be first in life.
2. Many times, with the hustle=mentality of life, we can become involved in other things (some are even good/right things), but priority with the Father is put aside!
3. **First Works – The Things that are important to the Father.**

- **How much time do you spend with Jesus every day? Is He first in everything you do?**

### II. **How to fall in love with the Father...and Have Him Fall in Love with You**

#### A. Simple: Spend Time With Him

1. Get to know Him, by learning to be still and quiet in His presence (this is a challenge for most people today because of the routines that have become a part of life – if you live by a routine, then make spending time with God the first routine in the day!)
2. **Matthew 6:6** – The Prayer Closet is not something that God chooses for you; it’s something you create for Him!
3. The Secret Place....Not just one specific place; it’s the place you get away from it all (mountains, beach, desert place, back yard....once you find it, you carry it with you wherever you go).

#### B. Keep His Commandments

1. **John 14:15, vs. 23**
2. **I John 5:3 (grievous – burdensome or difficult)**

#### C. Learning to Live by Faith

1. **Hebrews 11:6**
2. **1.) Come to God (boldly), 2.) Believe that He is Able and Willing, 3.) Believe that He will always reward you with His best!**