

# ***GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST***

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## ***The Flavor of Love***

Introduction : We often study about the love of God and we study about our love toward others. However, I have never been asked to deliver a lesson on the flavor of love. But it does have a flavor. Do you love momma or grandma's cooking? Don't you know they love you when they cook for you?

Discussion :

### ***I. What do we know about God's love?***

A. *God's Love is Unconditional.*

**(Romans 5:8)** *But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

B. *God's Love is Relational.*

**(I John 3:1)** *Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know Him.*

C. *God's Love is Eternal.*

**(Romans 8:37-39)** *In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Neither height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

D. *God's Love is Sacrificial.*

**(John 3:16-17)** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

E. *God's Love is Sensual.*

**(Psalm 34:8)** *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

### ***II. How can we taste God's love?***

A. *God Used Sight To Teach (Exodus 20)*

B. *God Used Touch To Teach (Matthew 8:3, 9:29)*

C. *God Used Hearing To Teach (Matthew 14:32, Mark 4:39).*

D. *God Used Smell To Teach (Matthew 6:28, Mark 4:32).*

E. *God Used Taste To Teach (Psalm 119:103, Matthew 6:11)*

### ***III. How can tasting God's love make a difference in my life?***

A. **Mark 6:30-44** - What do we learn?

B. **John 2:1-12** - What do we learn?

C. **John 4:1-26** - What do we learn?

D. **John 6:22-40** - What do we learn?

Conclusion : Yes, we can taste and see that the Lord is good! He is good all the time! But before we close this lesson I want to remind you that we are supposed to be a living sacrifice for God (**Romans 12:1-2**) and our lives are to be a sweet swelling fragrance to Him (**Ephesians 5:2**). He desires to hear our voices, see our good works, and feel our hurts. He can sense us! We cannot forget that God can sense our love for Him in the same way that we can taste, smell, feel, hear, and see His love. Do you have the flavor of love towards Him? When God senses you is it a bitter or better? Are you the salt of the earth? Can you be compared to the lilies of the field? To be Christ's ambassadors in this world we have to have the flavor of love!!!