Message Series: Becoming A Church Where Unloved People Love To Attend

Today's Message: Jesus Is For Losers (Pt. 2)

Last Week:

"To be a Christian means to <u>forgive</u> the <u>inexcusable</u> because <u>God</u> has <u>forgiven</u> the <u>inexcusable</u> in <u>you</u>". - C.S.Lewis

<u>1 John 2:4,9-11</u>

Proverbs 4:23 -

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

## 1. Everyday, ALL Day Obedience

"It is time for us Christians to face up to our responsibility for holiness. Too often we say we are 'defeated' by this or that sin. No, we are <u>not defeated</u>; we are <u>simply disobedient</u>. It might be well if we stopped using the terms 'victory' and 'defeat' to describe our progress in holiness. Rather we should use the <u>terms 'obedience'</u> and <u>'disobedience'</u>." - Jerry Bridges

KNOW - TRUST - OBEY - LOVE

## Three Truths:

1) If we don't love each other, we <u>can't claim</u> a <u>real love</u> for <u>God</u>. (After all- He created everyone!)

2) Our <u>relationship with God</u> is measured by <u>love</u> for <u>others</u>.

1 John 5:1-4

3) "We don't get to pick and choose who we love" - Andrew Murray

<u>Romans 5: 5</u> -

"...<u>God's Love</u> has been poured out into our hearts thru the Holy Spirit ..."

Sod's Love: Total Forgiveness ... No Resentment ... Total Sacrifice ... Christ's Love

Romans 5:8

1 Peter 1:22

## 2. Our New Hearts

Before: Ezekiel 14:3

"Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all?

After: Ezekiel 36:26

"I will give you a <u>new</u> heart and put a <u>new spirit in you</u>" ...

Ephesians 3: 16-18

"to grasp ... the love of Christ"

Philippians 2: 7, 8

Ephesians 3:19

Psalms 103:2-4, 13-17

<u>Romans 9:2, 3</u>

## GOD'S Love Is:

- 1) <u>Wide</u> enough to include <u>Every Person</u>
- 2) Long enough to last thru ALL Eternity
- 3) <u>Deep enough</u> to <u>Reach</u> the <u>Worst</u>
- 4) <u>High</u> Enough to take <u>All</u> Who Come <u>To Heaven</u>

Ephesians 3:16-19