

As the Lord Loves

Hosea 3:1-5, Revelation 21:1-5

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Hosea 3:1-5

And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." ² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." ⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Table Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think that the love of God is a difficult topic for men? Why or why not?
2. What does God's love have to do with the Gospel? Can there be a Gospel without the love of God?
3. What relational metaphor does the Bible use to describe God's covenant love for us? What relational metaphor does the Bible use for sin? What do these metaphors mean for us as men?
4. What does love have to do with sacrifice? How has this image shaped your understanding of God's love for you? How has this image shaped your love for others?
5. What is the difference between moral reformation and Gospel-centered transformation? What does this difference have to do with the love of God?
6. In what ways are you just like Gomer? In what ways is Hosea just like Jesus Christ?