***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

IS LOVE REALLY THE ANSWER?

*We have spent enough time in the past living the way worldly people live. Some of us have lived in sexual sins, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, wild parties, and shameful idol worship. Now, people in the world are surprised that you don’t join them in their reckless, wild living… But they will have to give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. The end is near, so be alert… Above all, love each other deeply because love covers a multitude of sins.*

 1 Peter 4:3-8

Introduction: It’s getting difficult to live in a world with so much hatred and violence. Law-makers are trying to figure out how to make our schools, our cities, and our nation safer. A popular song tells us, “What the world needs now, is love, sweet love”. Even worldly people are telling us that love is the answer to all of our problems. Christians know that love is power-ful and can go a long way in changing the hearts of evil people. But is it that simple? Is love really the answer? Let’s see what the Bible says.

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SEEM TO SAY SO:

 a. It’s the greatest command (Matthew 22:37-40).

 b. Love covers all sins (1 Peter 4:8).

 c. We overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).

2. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SEEMS TO SAY “NO”:

 a. God hates some things (Proverbs 6:16-19).

 b. There is a time to hate (Ecclesiastes 3:8).

 c. We’ve been silent for too long.

3. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SAYS “GO”:

 a. Go and preach the gospel (Matthew 28:19-20).

 b. Go and proclaim the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

 c. Go and promote salvation (James 5:19-20).

CONCLUSION: Love is God’s answer to sin!

Answers: 1. Scriptures 2. Sage 3. Soul Winner