

“THE REAFFIRMATIONS OF A DEVOTED DISCIPLE”
JOHN 21:15-17

I. WHY THE LORD QUESTIONED PETER’S LOVE

A. He Could Have Questioned Him In Many Other Ways

B. Genuine Love Does Embrace Every Other Legitimate Response

C. Yet, It Is Possible To Make Much Of All The Elements Of An Obedient Faith While Lacking The Warmth Of A Proper Love That Motivates To Proper Obedience

II. HOW THE LORD QUESTIONED PETER’S LOVE (21:15-17)

A. Round One: The Lord’s Brings Up the Issue Of The Apostle’s Comparative Devotion (21:15)

1. The Antecedent Of “*These*”

2. Peter’s Answer Reflects His Unwillingness To Make Any More Comparisons Between Himself & Others

B. Round Two: The Lord Omits The Comparative Element (21:16)

C. Round Three: The Lord Challenges The Legitimacy Of Even Peter’s Lesser Claim (21:17)

III. WHAT THE LORD DID IN RESPONSE TO PETER’S REAFFIRMATIONS (21:15-17)

A. “*Feed My Lambs*” Peter Is Recommissioned To Minister To The Weakest, Most Vulnerable & Most Immature (21:15)

B. “*Shepherd My Sheep*” Peter Will Once Again Assume His Role As A Minister To Those Who Have Had Some Experience In Christ (21:16-17)