

In today's passage, the resurrected Jesus comes to Galilee and speaks directly to Peter. He asks only one thing: "Do you love me now?" He asks this question three times. Peter answers three times, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." The Lord, who knows everything, wasn't asking because He didn't know Peter's heart. Rather, Jesus wanted Peter to confess his love for Him. Through this confession, Jesus wanted to give Peter a special grace. Let's consider why the Lord desires our confession of love for Him.

First, it is to reveal the Lord's love for us.

When we love someone, the first thing we want to know is whether they love us in return. In the same way, when Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?", He is also saying, "I love you." The most important truth Jesus wanted Peter to know was always this: "I love you."

Second, it is to heal us.

In following Jesus, many experience brokenness in their hearts and souls due to sin and failure. A confession of love brings healing and restoration. In today's passage, Jesus asks Peter three times in front of a fire. Just a few days earlier, Peter had denied Jesus three times in front of a fire. Through this loving confession, Jesus restores Peter. It became a moment to wash away past wounds and sins. Jesus' love—and Peter's confession of love for Jesus—lifted him up again.

Third, it is to fulfill the Lord's mission.

A confession of love for Jesus sends us back toward our calling. Each time Peter confesses his love, Jesus says, "Feed my lambs," "Take care of my sheep." Though Peter had failed, Jesus entrusts him with precious and glorious responsibilities each time he confesses his love. Love makes true devotion possible.

On this precious Lord's Day, Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?"

Let us be courageous and confess, "Yes, Lord, I love you."

Through this confession of love for Jesus, may we once again be assured of His love, find healing for our souls, and stand firmly in the place of calling.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”
(1 John 4:16)

**Bible
Reading**

7/21(Mon)	7/22(Tue)	7/23(Wed)	7/24(Thur)	7/25(Fri)	7/26(Sat)	7/27(Sun)
Proverbs 10-13	Proverbs 14-16	Proverbs 17-20	Proverbs 21-23	Proverbs 24-27	Proverbs 28-31	Ecclesiastes 1-3

QT

Quiet Time Passage

7/21(Mon)	7/22(Tue)	7/23(Wed)	7/24(Thur)	7/25(Fri)	7/26(Sat)	7/27(Sun)
Ezekiel 3:1-15	Ezekiel 3:16-27	Ezekiel 4:1-17	Ezekiel 5:1-17	Ezekiel 6:1-14	Ezekiel 7:1-13	Ezekiel 7:14-27

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share any experience of God's grace in your life through last week's message or your weekly devotional (QT).

2. What new realization or blessing did you receive through today's message?

3. As you reflect on standing before the Lord, consider your faithfulness, relationship with God, and your calling. Share with each other and pray together.