Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today’s topic: MOTIVATED BY LOVE.

1. A revelation of the immeasurable love of God
   a) What is the basis of God’s kingdom? (love and freedom of choice). What is the basis of Satan’s kingdom? (selfishness and force).
   c) Where do you see love in action in the life and ministry of Jesus?
   d) How was the love of Jesus revealed in His prophecy regarding the destruction of Jerusalem? Matthew 24:15-20
   e) What was the blessed outcome for Christians when they obeyed the instructions of Jesus regarding the destruction of Jerusalem?

2. Loved in times of hardship and trial
   a) What were some of the hardships faithful followers of God endured, both in Old Testament and New Testament times? Hebrews 11:35-38, Acts 5:17-18, 8:3, 14:19, Revelation 2:10, etc.
   b) What lessons can we learn from the attitude of the apostles after they were beaten and commanded not to speak in the name of Jesus? Acts 5:40-42
   c) What lessons can we learn from Stephen the deacon, the first Christian martyr? Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60
   d) What assurance do we have of God’s love even when we are facing trials and persecution? Romans 8:35, 38-39
   e) What other promises from God’s Word give us comfort when we are facing hardship and trials as followers of Jesus? Isaiah 41:10, Revelation 1:17-18, Psalm 46:1, Matthew 28:20, etc.

3. Reflecting the love of Jesus
   a) Where do you see the love of Jesus revealed in the following stories? Acts 2:44-47, 3:6-9, 6:1-7
   b) What lessons can we learn from the story Jesus told in Matthew 25:31-40?
   c) Why is showing love to one another a sign that we are genuine disciples of Jesus? John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:19-21
   d) What are some practical ways we can show the love of God to those around us in the midst of this great controversy between good and evil?
   e) Share a time when you witnessed the love of Jesus in action.
   f) What can we do to help our families, our churches, our communities become a clearer revelation of the immeasurable, unfailing love of God?