

# Let Us Love As Jesus Loved

John 14:15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

1John 4:19 “We love, because He first loved us.”

# Love Defined and Described

- God is love – 1John 4:8
- Whatever God says is truth, IS truth.
- Whatever God does is because of love.
- All human love must be judged by the standard of divine love – God .

# Love Defined and Described

- The main Bible word for “love” means much more than “to like” a person.
- It is not based on affection, nor what two people have in common, nor how people feel about each other.
- It rises above sentiment and mere emotion.
- It springs from regard for and honor of God.
- It is completely selfless.

# Love Described In 1Corinthians 13:4-8

- Patient – endures cheerfully.
- Is Kind – seeks the best interest of the one loved.
- Is Not Jealous – is not displeased at the good fortune of another.
- Does not Brag – doesn't toot his own horn.
- Is Not Arrogant – is not egotistical.

# Love Described In 1Corinthians 13:4-8

- Does not act unbecomingly – acts attractively.
- It does not seek its own – is not selfish.
- Is not provoked – does not take quick offense.
- Does not take into account a wrong suffered – a clean and wholesome mind.
- Does not rejoice in unrighteousness – takes no pleasure in evil.

# Love Described In 1Corinthians 13:4-8

- Rejoices with the truth – its pleasure is in things of God.
- Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things – an optimistic and steadfast disposition.
- Love never fails – it is always in style.

# Love And The Gospel

- God sent His Son for sinful man because He loves us – John 3:16.
- Christ died for us because He loves us – Romans 5:8.
- The Holy Spirit, through the word, brings God's love to our hearts – Romans 5:5.
- Jesus said the first and second commandments are to love God with your whole heart and to love your neighbor as yourself – Mark 12:28-31.

# Love – A Main Feature Of The Gospel

- Even our personal liberties are bound by our love for our fellow-man – Galatians 5:13.
- James calls loving your neighbor as yourself “the royal law.” – James 2:8.

# Love Demonstrated

- We never actually see love; rather we see its demonstration. An action, a smile, a word spoken, etc.
- The only way that we can know that love exists is to see evidence of it.
- Christ evidenced His great love for us by dying; not for the righteous, but for the ungodly – Romans 5:6-9.

# Love Demonstrated

- We know the love of God because Christ laid down His life for us – 1John 3:16.
- We express our love for God and for our brethren when we also “lay down our lives” – 1John 5:1; 3:16.
- How do we lay down our lives for brethren – 1John 3:17.
- Above all things, put on love – Colossians 3:14.

# The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37

- Shows the true meaning of love.
- What prompted the Samaritan to take care of the injured man?
- If you say, “because he loved him,” but “how could he have loved a man whom he did not know?”

# What Jesus Taught About Love

- Above all others and all else, we must love God – Mark 12:28-31.
- Must love the truth – 2Thessalonians 2:10-12.
- We should love each other – 2John 5.
- We should love ourselves – Galatians 5:14.
- We should love our enemies – Matthew 5:43-44.
- How? – Romans 12:20

# What We Are Taught About Love

- Loving each other identifies us as Christ's disciples – John 13:35.
- Love must be without hypocrisy – Romans 12:9.
- We must not love the world or the things in it – 1John 2:15-17