



*Women Thriving
in a Large Church*

Love as I Have Loved You

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:7-11

I. The Love of God is our _____

A. God's love for us

- Exodus 34:6-7
- Deut. 7:7-9
- Psalm 25:7, 10
- Psalm 106:45
- Psalm 107:8-9
- Psalm 108:4
- Psalm 145:17
- Isaiah 40:1, 11
- Isaiah 41:10
- Lamentations 3:22-23, 32
- Hosea 3:14, 20, 23

➤ Hosea 11:1, 4, 8

➤ Hosea 14:4

➤ Ephesians 2:1-7

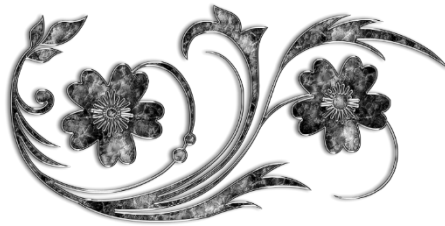
➤ 1 Peter 2:10

➤ Romans 8:35-39

➤ Ephesians 3:17-19

➤ I John 3:1

➤ I John 4:9-10



B. Our love for God

- Psalm 40: 16

- Psalm 116:1-2

- I John 4:19

- John 14:15

- John 14:21, 23

- John 13:35.

- I John 4:16, 20-21

- I John 5:2



We prove our love for God by obedience to his commands—and especially the command to love one another!

II. The Love of Christ is our _____

A. Christ's love for _____

- Psalm 40:8

- John 4:34

- John 6:38

- John 14:31

- John 15:10

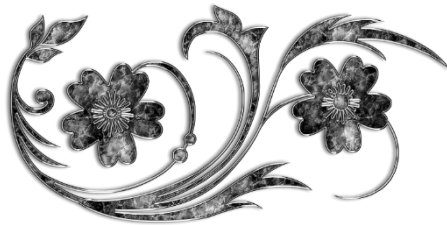
- Mark 14:35-36

- John 10:17



B. Christ's love for _____

- Mark 10:45
- Luke 23:34
- John 10:11
- John 13:35
- Philippians 2:6-8
- I John 3:16



C. Christ's _____ for His people

- John 13:34-35
- John 15:13
- Ephesians 4:32
- Philippians 2:2-5
- I John 4:11
- I John 2:5-6
- I John 3:16-18



Christ does not expect anything from His people that He has not already done for us!

III. Growing in love for _____

A. _____ one another

- Hebrews 7:25: “He always lives to make intercession for them.”
- Pray for the _____, not the _____.
- Pray through the 1 Corinthians 13 descriptions of love.

B. View one another as _____

*Love for the brethren is far, far more than finding agreeable the society of those whose temperaments are similar to or whose views accord with my own. It pertains not to mere nature but is a spiritual and supernatural thing. It is the heart being drawn out to those in whom I perceive something of Christ...it embraces all in whom I can see the image of God's Son. It is, therefore, loving them for Christ's sake, for what I see of Christ in them. It is the Holy Spirit within attracting and alluring me with Christ indwelling my brethren and sisters. [A. W. Pink, *Profiting from the Word*, p. 120]*

C. _____ one another

- Love is an _____!

Calvary Love

(From *If*, by Amy Carmichael)

If I do not give a friend "the benefit of the doubt," but put the worst construction instead of the best on what is said or done, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I take offense easily, if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

*If a sudden jar can cause me to speak an impatient, unloving word, then I know nothing of Calvary love. *For a cup brimful of sweet water cannot spill even one drop of bitter water however suddenly jolted.*

If something I am asked to do for another feels burdensome; if, yielding to an inward unwillingness, I avoid doing it, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

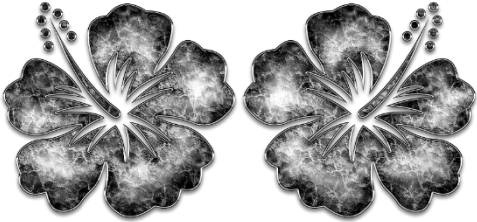
If I slip into the place that can be filled by Christ alone, making myself the first necessity to a soul instead of leading it to fasten upon Him, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If the ultimate, the hardest, cannot be asked of me; if my fellows hesitate to ask it and turn to someone else, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I covet any place on earth but the dust at the foot of the Cross, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

Christ's love for His people	Christ's expectations for His people
<p>... even as I have loved you...(John 13:34)</p>	<p>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)</p>
<p>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)</p> <p>Then He poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. (John 13:5)</p>	<p>For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (Gal. 5:13)</p>
<p>Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34)</p> <p>Even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven you (Eph. 4:32)</p>	<p>Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. (Eph. 4:32)</p> <p>Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. (I Peter 4:8)</p>
<p>I am the Good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for His Sheep (John 10:11)</p>	<p>Greater love has no one than this: that someone lay down his life for His friends (John 15:13)</p>
<p>But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.</p>	<p>Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness</p>

<p>Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phi 2:7-8)</p>	<p>or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <i>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...</i>(Phil. 2:2-5)</p> <p>So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. (Col. 3:12-14)</p>
<p>We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us... (1 John 3:16)</p>	<p>...and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren (1 John 3:16)</p>



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