

WEEK 76 LOVING ONE ANOTHER

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us. ²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

1 John 4:7-21 (NKJV)

TRUE LOVE ORIGINATES WITH THE ONE WHO IS LOVE

God is love. **1 John 4:8b (NKJV)**

3 words in the Bible having to do with love:

Philia – a brotherly love

Eros – an "intimate" love

Agape – Faithfulness, commitment; an act of the will

HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16 (NKJV)

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

Mark 10:21 (NKJV)

THIS LOVE IS SUPERNATURAL LOVE AND IT IS NOT VERY SAPPY OR SENTIMENTAL BUT, IT IS A LOVE THAT SEEKS THE BEST FOR ITS OBJECT

WE RECEIVE THIS LOVE AS A FREE GIFT FROM GOD IN SALVATION

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ 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.

1 John 4:9-10 (NKJV)

THIS LOVE WE RECEIVED BECAUSE OF GOD'S ACTION AT THE CROSS

THE DELIVERY SYSTEM WAS CHRIST'S DEATH AND THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THIS LOVE IS TO BE IN US AND DISPENSED TO OTHERS AS WE ABIDE IN CHRIST

Everyone who loves is born of God. (Vs 8)

The idea is that since God is love we should love *Let us love one another, For (because) God is love. (Vs 8)*

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11 (NKJV)

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. **1 John 4:12 (NKJV)**

AS WE ABIDE HE CONFORMS US TO CHRIST'S LIKENESS

The essence of Christian life is that it is to be directed precisely toward the unlovable, the unlovely, even toward the hostile (Matt 5:44-48), for such is the character of the love God has revealed to us. (The Interpreter's Bible)

ANOTHER REMINDER OF OUR DESPERATION