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God's Love

Memorization Verse: *John 13:34-35*

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

What is love...really? John said, “This is love: not the we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1Jn. 4:10)

God is the source of love, and also the perfect example of what love is. God **is** love.

His love is sacrificial. Christ’s death is an eternal reminder of this.

God’s love is also unconditional. You never have to worry about it diminishing. It is not dependent on our worthiness to receive it, for no one deserves God’s love – and yet He loves everyone.

“Dear friends”, John wrote, “since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1Jn. 4:11). As you memorize, meditate and set your mind to retain John 13:34-35, think of some ways you can demonstrate God’s love to others.

EXPLORING JOHN 13:34-35

What is Christ’s new commandment?

Whose example are we to follow?

What will result when Christians show one another the same kind of love Jesus extends to us?

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

1. What commandments does Christ emphasize in Matthew 22:37-39?

2. Read 1 John 4:7. What is the source of love?

3. Who does God love according to John 3:16?

4. What is the result of obeying God's Word according to 1 Peter 1:22?

How does Peter say we are to love one another?

"AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

5. Read John 15:12-13. How did Jesus demonstrate His love?

6. Read 1 John 2:5. How did John say God's love is shown in our lives?

7. From 1 John 2:6 what indicates that an individual is rightly related to Jesus Christ?

8. In Galatians 5:13 how did Paul teach Christians to exercise freedom?

9. Read 1 John 4:10 and describe God's love.

10. Read John 13:1-17. Before Jesus gave His followers a new command to love one another (John 13:34-35), how did He demonstrate His love to them?
