# Love One Another

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## INTRODUCTION

- In verse 17, we see a summary of a Christian's responsibility, and you see it in just four quick sentences. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.
- Brothers and sisters, we need to be better than the world.
- Why does God fixate so strongly on loving one another?

## 1 Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

**Leviticus 19:11–18; Matthew 22:37–40; John 13:34–35**

- You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
- What was the problem with oppressing your neighbor or robbing or doing injustice? It was mistreatment of others.
- They were mistreating the poor, they were stepping on them rather than lifting them up as is God's decree.
- By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

## 2 God Made Us Special in His Image

**Genesis 1:26–27; Psalm 100:3; Isaiah 44:24**

- If God has made us in his image, that is beyond special, that is unique, that is powerful, that is great love.
- It is he who made us, and we are his. We are God's creation. We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.
- When I look around this morning, that I see other people besides just myself made by God, made in his image. And that makes them special.

## 3 Jesus Died for the Whole World

**1 John 2:1–3**

- He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of who? The whole world.
- If there is a human being, God created them in his image. If there's a human being, Jesus died on the cross for their sins.
- If we are special enough for Jesus to die for, we're special enough to treat each other with respect, dignity, and sacrifice.

## 4 Jesus Served and Loved Others Humbly

**John 13:1–16; Galatians 6:10**

- How do we love one another? The simple answer is as ourselves. The best example is as Jesus did.
- If then your Lord and teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- I wonder what it would be like if we all worked and said, How can I help you?
- How dare anyone look at another human and say, I'm better than you.

## 5 Jesus Loved Sacrificially

**John 13:31–34; Luke 10**

- Jesus loved sacrificially, not just with his pride, but with his life.
- Am I willing to help others, to love others to a point which costs me something? Or will I only do it if I happen to have the spare time?
- If Jesus can do it, I can move myself to do it for others.

## 6 Jesus Loved One Another in Every Circumstance

**Romans 5:6–10**

- But God shows his love for us, and that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Weak and ungodly. Verse 8, we were sinners, verse 10, we were enemies, and it was at this time Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
- May it never be that I get so caught up in this world that I neglect not only loving God, but in so doing, loving my neighbor as myself.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Make things right with God right now.**

MY NOTES