

Love One Another

What does it mean to love someone? Who are we supposed to love?

God commands us to love each other and by each other He means everyone.

God commands us to love exactly like He loves.

It's pretty tough to love everyone exactly like Jesus loves us, we make mistakes but it shouldn't stop us from trying.

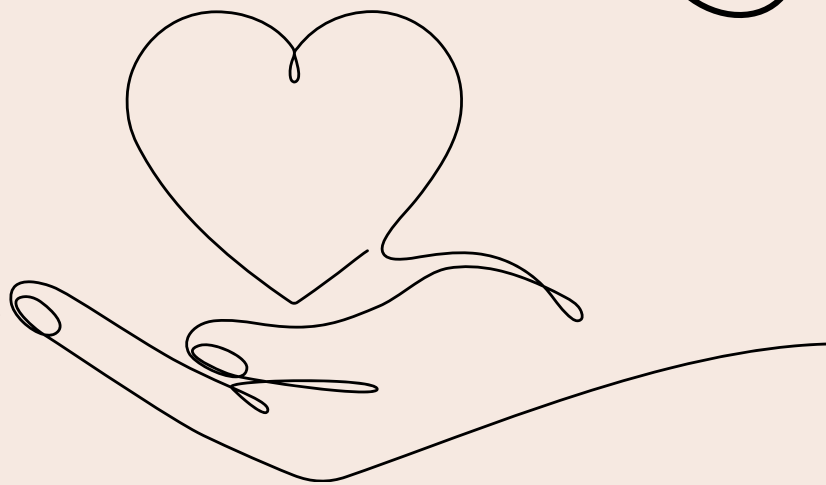
What did Jesus do to show love to others?

WORD OF THE WEEK

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:31-33, 34-35



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father of compassion and God of love. I thank you for teaching me to love through the example of Jesus. May my words and actions reflect His love towards your people today, tomorrow, and until you bring us all home to you.
In the name of Jesus, our great example, we pray.
Amen.

Jesus teaches us that love is the way others will recognise us as His followers. When we love each other, we reflect His love and show the world what it means to follow Him. Love is not just a feeling but something we do through our actions. It means helping others, being kind, and supporting one another.

In this week's Word of the Week Jesus is speaking to His disciples during the last supper. He knows that His time with them is short and wants to leave them with an important message.

Why is this message such an important one?

This week we pray that we are able to love one another just as God loves us.



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Newsboys - Love One Another
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Cute Kids Answer: What is Love?
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Be Kind short movie
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"Let no one ever come to you without going away better and happier. Let there be kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes."



MOTHER TERESA (ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA)

The patience, kindness and humble spirit that we associate with being truly loving could be seen in Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She was a nun who went to India to teach Geography. When she saw the poor and sick on the streets of Calcutta she decided to leave the security of the convent and to retrain as a nurse, to work amongst the sick and the dying. She had to beg for medicine and for a room to treat patients. She took in the dying, the lepers and the unwanted children.

Mother Teresa could have been the president of her charity, sitting in a fine office away from the poor and dying. She could have lived in the finest house and worn the finest clothes. But instead She spent over fifty years helping the poor, the sick, and the dying, telling them by her life, and by her words, that they are loved.

"As I have loved you..."

How do I think Jesus shows His love for me personally?
What was a time I really felt love by God or someone in my life?

"You must love one another."

Who in my life is hard for me to love right now? Why?
Is there someone I've judged, ignored, or avoided, that I might be called to love better?

"Everyone will know you are my disciples..."

If someone saw the way I treat people, what would they think?
What's one thing I can do this week to show love like Jesus, especially when it is not easy?



Jesus, help me love like you...

Take a piece of paper and make time this morning to write a short letter to Jesus asking for help in loving someone in your life. Be honest. He already knows your struggles and He is with you in them.
This is your prayer this morning.

THESE INCREDIBLE WOMEN SHOW US WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!

"There is nothing that love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance. Love will never come to an end."



CORRIE TEN BOOM

As you can imagine, after the war there was a lot of hatred between people and between nations. There was a lot of hurt and a lot of forgiveness was needed. Corrie Ten Boom was a Dutch woman who had suffered in Ravensbruck Concentration Camp because she and her family had hidden Jews from the Nazis. Her father died in prison and her sister in the camp. Yet after the war Corrie travelled to Germany to speak about God's forgiveness. At a church in Munich she recognised a former prison camp guard. She vividly remembered all the horror, anguish and humiliation she suffered the last time she saw him. He did not recognise her, but conscious of the part he played in the war he approached her and asked her forgiveness. She did not want to shake his hand; she just felt the coldness as she stood there. Eventually, she mechanically put out her hand and they shook hands. Only then did she feel the love of God flow through her to him.