

## LOVE – THE BETTER WAY

**1 Cor 16:14** – Let all your things be done with charity.

**Let all that you do be done in love (NASB).**

**NIV** - Everything you do should be done in love.

**Love thy neighbor as thyself** (10X in Bible, **Lev 19:18** and 9X in NT)

**Gal 5:14** – For **the whole law is fulfilled in** one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**Rom 13:8** – Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

**Rom 13:9** For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

**Rom 13:10** Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**

**Mat 22:36** Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

**Mat 22:37** Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

**Mat 22:38** **This is the first and great commandment.**

**Mat 22:39** **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.**

**Mat 22:40** **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

**Gal 5:13** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

**Gal 5:14** **For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.**

**Jas 2:8** If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well:

**Mat 19:18** He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,**

**Mat 19:19** **Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.**

**Mar 12:29** And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:**

**Mar 12:30** **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**

**Mar 12:31** **And the second is like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

**Mar 12:32** And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

**Mar 12:33** And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

## Whom should we love?

### **Love everyone:**

Love your neighbor and especially fellow believers. You are even to love your enemies. Pray for those who cause you trouble. Greet everyone. Be kind, friendly and loving toward all people.

**Luk 10:27** And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.  
**Luk 10:28** And he said unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.**  
**Luk 10:29** But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?  
**Luk 10:30** And Jesus answering said, **A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.**

### **Love your enemies:**

**Luk 6:27** But I say unto you which hear, **Love your enemies . . .**

### **Love all believers:**

**Joh 13:34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.  
**Joh 13:35** **By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

**Joh 15:12** This is my commandment, That ye love one another, **as I have loved you.**  
**Joh 15:13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

**Joh 15:17** These things I command you, that ye love one another.

**1Th 3:12** And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

**1Th 4:9** Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

**1Th 4:10** for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,

**1Pe 1:22** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

### **Love Your Spiritual Leaders:**

**1Th 5:12** But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,

**1Th 5:13** and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

**Husbands** – Eph 5 – Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church

### **Love Erring Believers who have Repented:**

**2Co 2:6** Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many.

**2Co 2:7** So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

**2Co 2:8** Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him.

### **1 John on Love:**

**1Jn 3:10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

**1Jn 3:11** For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

**1Jn 3:14** We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

**1Jn 3:18** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

**Rom 12:9** *Let* love be without dissimulation (hypocrisy, insincerity) – Be sincere in your love

**1Jn 3:23** And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

**1Jn 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

**1Jn 4:8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**1Jn 4:9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

**1Jn 4:10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**1Jn 4:11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

**1Jn 4:12** No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**1Jn 4:20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

**1Jn 4:21** And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

## **The Characteristics of Agape Love – 1 Cor 13: 4-8**

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**1Co 12:31** But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you **a more excellent way**.

**1Co 13:1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

**1Co 13:2** And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

**1Co 13:3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

(1Co 13:4) Charity suffereth long (Love is patient and long suffering),

*and* is kind (Love is kind);

charity envieth not (Love does not envy or become jealous. Love rejoices in the blessings of others.);

charity vaunteth not itself (Love is not boastful),

is not puffed up (Love is not proud, conceited or arrogant. Instead, love is humble),

(1Co 13:5) Doth not behave itself unseemly (Love does not behave shamefully. Love walks uprightly),

seeketh not her own (Love is not selfish – Love is generous and gives instead (putting others ahead of self)),

is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil (Love does not become resentful by storing up offenses – Love forgives and forgets instead);

(1Co 13:6) Rejoiceth not in iniquity (sin, unrighteousness), but rejoiceth in the truth; Love does not rejoice in sin, but rejoices in the truth

(1Co 13:7) Beareth all things (Love bears all things),

believeth all things (Love believes all things),

hopeth all things (Love hopes all things),

endureth all things (Love endures all things).

(1Co 13:8) Charity never faileth . . . . (Love never fails)

1Co 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

## **HOW SHOULD WE LOVE?**

**Lev 19:11** Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

Lev 19:12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

Lev 19:13 **Thou shalt not defraud** thy neighbor, **neither rob *him*: the wages** of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

Lev 19:14 **Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind**, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

Lev 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: **but in righteousness shalt thou judge** thy neighbor.

Lev 19:16 **Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer** among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I *am* the LORD.

Lev 19:17 **Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart**: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him.

Lev 19:18 **Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people**, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

Mat 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye **resist not evil**: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Mat 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloak also.

Mat 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Go the extra mile

Mat 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Mat 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

Mat 5:47 And if ye **salute** your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so? **Great them – Be friendly**

Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Luk 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, **do good to them** which hate you,

Luk 6:28 **Bless them** that curse you, and **pray for them** which despitefully use you.

Luk 6:29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not *to take thy* coat also. **Turn the other cheek**

Luk 6:30 **Give to every man that asketh of thee**; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again.

Luk 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Luk 6:32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

Luk 6:33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

Luk 6:34 And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

Luk 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and **lend**, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is **kind** unto the unthankful and *to* the evil.

Luk 6:36 **Be ye therefore merciful**, as your Father also is merciful.

Luk 6:37 **Judge not**, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

Luk 6:38 **Give**, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**Mat 7:12** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: **for this is the law and the prophets**.

Mat 7:12 "In everything, therefore, **treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets**. (NASB)

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2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

1Ti 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

1Co 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

Rom 12:9 *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Rom 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;

**Eph 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

**Eph 4:16** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

**Eph 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**1Th 5:11** Therefore **encourage one another** and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

**Col 4:6** Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

**Col 3:17** Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

**Col 3:23** Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

**Col 3:24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

**Rom 14:19** Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

**Rom 15:1** We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

**Rom 15:2** Let every one of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good to edification.

**1Co 10:23** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

**Eph 4:1** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

**Eph 4:2** With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

**Eph 4:3** Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Php 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;

**Php 1:10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ;

**1Th 3:12** And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

**1Th 5:11** Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

**2Co 6:3** Giving no offense in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

**Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Col 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (binds in perfect harmony or unity)

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

1Co 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1Co 10:32 Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

1Co 10:33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

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