

In his book *The Love Life of the Lord*, Dr. A.B. Simpson says, “*From many standpoints, the Bible looks at our spiritual life - sometimes it is a life of faith, again as a life holiness, evermore as a life of service, deepest of all as a life of patience and victorious suffering; but the highest and divinest view of it, is a life of love.*” How true is this for you? Would you describe your life as a life characterized by love?

Love is our highest responsibility & priority. Love is our response to God’s love for us. The Father loves us, He created us to love us and He is there for us always. To respond in love, our first step is to receive the love of God the Father. In what ways do you experience the love of the Father?

Love is our highest responsibility & priority. As Christ followers, Jesus give us 3 commands on how to respond in love:

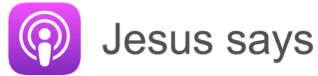
- Read Mark 12:28,30. We are to love God.
- Read Mark 12:31. Luke 10:25-37. We also are to love our neighbours
- Read John 13:34. We are to love one another.

Out of our 3 commands to love, which command do you find the easiest? Which command challenges you the most?

On Sunday, Gerry gave us the “Top 10 Reasons” WHY WE LOVE as Jesus says:

1. Read John 15:12. Love is **commanded** to us who follow Jesus
2. Read 1 John 4:16. Love **reflects** God’s character and presence in us
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12,13. Love establishes and **grows holiness** within us
4. Read John 13:34. Love **witnesses** that we are apprentices of Jesus
5. Read 1 John 3:14. Love **assures** us that we have new life from Jesus
6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:13. Love is the **greatest virtue** of the Church family
7. Read Matthew 5:23,24. Love **enables our worship** to be free of disunity
8. Read Matthew 18:15. Love **confronts and restores** one another in Jesus
9. Read 1 Timothy 1:5. **It is the goal** of our Biblical teaching.
10. Read John 17:22-23. Love **enhances** our experience in the Church

These are some of many reasons WHY we love in sacrificial and meaningful ways. Which reason(s) most motivates you to love?



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How do we love God? Scripture tells us we are to love God with all we are & with everything we have. It is to love God with our entirety...our hearts, will, emotions, personality, intellect, strength, work, resources, etc. Are there areas of your life you are holding back in loving God with all you are? Or how about with all you have?

How do we love our neighbour? Scripture tells us we are to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. As we would care for ourselves, believe the best about ourselves, we accept ourselves, we respect ourselves, we are to love others. Do you see this kind of love evidenced in your life towards your "neighbours"? Are there ways you could grow in your expression of love for others?

How do we love one another? Scripture tells us that we love those in the family of God as Jesus loves us. Jesus prays for us, sacrifices for us, He is close to us, He is patient with us, serves us, forgives us. How do you describe your relationships with your Church family? Are there any issues you need to reconcile? In what ways can you better love on your Church family?

Read Romans 5:5. We love by the power of the Holy Spirit. We do not have it within us to love like Jesus does, it is by Jesus in us, filling us. Pray for one another for the power of the Spirit to overflow in us that we would love as Jesus says.