

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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Loving One Another  
Learning to love one another.  
<http://bible.com/events/48755435>

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Introduction:

<https://www.rd.com/article/kindness-strangers/>  
Two stories of the kindness of strangers, demonstrating love to others.

What is love?

Love Is a Verb

According to Dr. Sternberg, consummate love may be harder to maintain than it is to achieve, as the components of love must be put into action. Without behavior and expression, passion is lost and love may revert back to the companionate type.

1. Agape- Unconditional Love
2. Eros- Romantic Love
3. Philia- Affectionate Love
4. Philautia- Self-Love
5. Storge- Familiar Love
6. Pragma- Enduring Love
7. Ludus- Playful Love
8. Mania- Obsessive Love

What is God's Love?

God's love is perfect and all-encompassing and unconditional.  
God will not allow ANYTHING to go between us and His love.  
God's love has NO boundaries!

Romans 8:35-39 NLT

<small><font color="#999999">35</font></small> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <small><font color="#999999">36</font></small> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <small><font color="#999999">37</font></small> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. <small><font color="#999999">38</font></small> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <small><font color="#999999">39</font></small> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/rom.8.35-39.NLT>

1 Corinthians 13:4 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">4</font></small> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.  
<https://1corinthians.bible/1-corinthians-13-4>

1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">13</font></small> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.  
<https://1corinthians.bible/1-corinthians-13-13>

1 John 2:3-11 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">3</font></small> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <small><font color="#999999">4</font></small> Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <small><font color="#999999">5</font></small> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <small><font color="#999999">6</font></small> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. <small><font color="#999999">7</font></small> Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. <small><font color="#999999">8</font></small> Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. <small><font color="#999999">9</font></small> Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <small><font color="#999999">10</font></small> Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <small><font color="#999999">11</font></small> But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/1jn.2.3-11.NIV>

John 13:34-35 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">34</font></small> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <small><font color="#999999">35</font></small> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.13.34-35.NIV>

John 15:12 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">12</font></small> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.  
<https://john.bible/john-15-12>

Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">37</font></small> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" <small><font color="#999999">38</font></small> This is the first and greatest commandment. <small><font color="#999999">39</font></small> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" <small><font color="#999999">40</font></small> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.22.37-40.NIV>

What's our biggest challenge in loving one another?

Sermon in a Sentence:

Despite our challenges, we must love one another.

5 Love Languages

- 1. Acts of Service- For these people, actions speak louder than words.
- 2. Receiving Gifts- For some people, receiving a heartfelt gift is what makes them feel most loved.
- 3. Quality Time- This language is all about giving the other person your undivided attention.
- 4. Words of Affirmation- This language uses words to affirm other people.
- 5. Physical Touch- To this person, nothing speaks more deeply than appropriate physical touch.

Romans 12:10 NIV

<font color="#999999">10</font></small> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

<https://romans.bible/romans-12-10>

1 Peter 1:22 NIV

<font color="#999999">22</font></small> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

<https://1peter.bible/1-peter-1-22>

1 Peter 3:8 NIV

<font color="#999999">8</font></small> Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

<https://1peter.bible/1-peter-3-8>

Ephesians 4:2 NIV

<font color="#999999">2</font></small> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

<https://ephesians.bible/ephesians-4-2>

Hebrews 13:1 NIV

<font color="#999999">1</font></small> Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

<https://hebrews.bible/hebrews-13-1>

Colossians 3:13 NIV

<font color="#999999">13</font></small> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

<https://colossians.bible/colossians-3-13>

God is love.

Showing love is showing God.

We all need and deserve love.

- Despite our challenges, we must love one another.
- Despite our shortcomings, we must encourage one another.
- Despite our prejudices, we must respect one another.

[Plan]

Loving Others

7 Days

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