
9 LOVE

Review the following verses, and check them off after quoting them correctly from memory.

- 1 John 5:11-12 1 Cor 10:13 John 16:24 1 John 1:9
 Proverbs 3:5-6 Matthew 6:33 Phil 4:13 Psalm 119:9,11

MEMORIZE JOHN 13:34-35

Love

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.

John 13:34-35

What is love? John said, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

God is the source of love, and also the perfect example of what love is. God is love.

His love is sacrificial. Christ's death is an eternal reminder of this.

God's love is also unconditional. You never have to worry about it diminishing. It is not dependent on our worthiness to receive it, for no one deserves God's love-and yet he loves everyone.

"Dear friends," John wrote, "since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). As you memorize John 13:34-35, think of some ways you can show God's love to others.

EXPLORING JOHN 13:34-35

What is Christ's new commandment?

Whose example of love are we to follow?

What will result when Christians show one another the same kind of love Jesus extends to us?

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

1. What commandments does Christ emphasize in Matthew 22:37-39?

Matthew 22:37-39 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

2. Read 1 John 4:7. What is the source of love?

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

3. Who does God love, according to John 3:16?

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

4. What is the result of obeying God's word, according to 1 Peter 1:22?

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

How does Peter say we are to love one another?

"AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

5. Read John 15:12-13. How did Jesus demonstrate his love?

John 15:12-13 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

6. Read 1 John 2:5. How did John say God's love is shown in our lives?

1 John 2:5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

7. From 1 John 2:6, what indicates that an individual is rightly related to Jesus Christ?

1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

8. In Galatians 5:13, how did Paul teach Christians to exercise freedom?

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

9. Read 1 John 4:10 and describe God's love.

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

10. Read John 13:1-17. Before Jesus gave his followers a new command to love one another (John 13:34-35), how did he demonstrate his love to them?

"YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

11. Read 1 John 3:16-18. From verse 17, describe a practical way we are taught to love our brothers.

1 John 3:16-18 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

From I John 3:18, describe the kind of love we should express to others.

"ALL MEN WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES"

13. Write out John 13:35 in your own words.

WRITE OUT JOHN 13:34-35 FROM MEMORY.

APPLYING JOHN 13:34-35.

Prayerfully review this chapter. Ask God to remind you of a fellow Christian to whom you need to extend more love. Then write a plan for demonstrating your love to this person this week.