

“That We Should Love One Another”

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1 John 3:8-16

- No single word better defines God, Christ, or Christianity, than “love”.
- Nothing else can bring us closer to God.
- Nothing else can encourage more spiritual growth.
- Nothing else generate greater faithfulness.
- Nothing else will prompt us to greater service.
- Nothing else will draw us closer together...

Model – The “How” of It

1 Jn. 3:10 – Jesus is the perfect model of righteousness.

- Mat. 3:15 – From the beginning...
- Lk. 23:47 – To the end.
1 Jn. 3:11 – Jesus is the perfect model of love.
- Jn. 13:1 “Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.”
- 2 Jn. 6 “And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.” Cf. Jn. 13:34-35.
- 1 Jn. 3:14-15 – Cain is the model for the world & we know we have passed from death to life when we do not hate like the world!
- 2 Jn. 6 “This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.” What commandment? Jn. 13:34-35.

Motivation – Take “Why” of It

- 1 Jn. 3:16 – Understanding God's Love...
- 1 Jn. 4:10-11 – Understanding the standard of God's love. “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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

- Rom. 8:35-37 – Understanding the strength of God's love.
- Jn. 3:16 – Understanding the breadth of God's love.
- Rev. 1:5b-6 – Understanding the depth of God's love. “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
- 2 Cor. 5:14-15 – Understanding the life-altering power of God's love.

Memorial – The Reinforcement of It

- 1 Jn. 3:8 “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”
- 1 Cor. 15:1-4 – the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ: the heart of the Gospel!
- Rom. 6:3-7 – How we can “obey the Gospel”
- *Mat. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Acts 20:7 – Remembered by faithful Christians every first day of the week!*

Decision...

- Christian love is unique because of its Model, Motivation, and Memorial.
- Nothing brings us, builds us, or moves us better.
- Many people who think little of Jesus may remember Him occasionally.
- Those who know what He did, why He did it, and what it means to them, will never, ever, forget Him.