



1 Peter 1:22, ESV

*Loving One Another*  
Selected Scriptures  
#2 in a series on the *One Another* Statements  
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### **Love one another — demanded.**

1. Jesus' and the apostles' commands.  
(John 13:34; 15:12-17; Romans 12:9-10; 13:8-9; Ephesians 4:1-2; 5:1-2; Colossians 3:14; 1 John 3:23; 4:21; 2 John 1:5-6)
2. Why?  
(John 13:34; 15:12; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 3:10-11; 4:7-8, 11-12, 16, 19-20)

### **Love one another — defined.**

1. A working definition:  
*God's love in and through us is a willing, sacrificial, unconditional commitment to God's best for another.*
2. Highlights of this love.  
(John 3:16; 15:11-12; Ephesians 4:15-16; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:4, 8; 3:14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9; 5:12-13; 1 Peter 1:22)

### **Love One another — displayed.**

1. Displayed by Jesus.  
(John 3:16; 10:11; 13:1-17; 15:12-13; Romans 5:6-8; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:9-10)
2. Displayed by us.  
(John 13:34-35; 15:11-12; Romans 14:15; Ephesians 4:2, 15-16; 5:2; Colossians 1:4)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Last week we looked at the foundation of the *One Another* statements in the New Testament—all believers are members of one another. Yesterday we moved to the foundational motivation for living as members of one another—loving one another. Christ commands us to love one another. So this is not optional for any believer. Review the Bible references in the outline on this.

**Tuesday.** God does not always tell us all we might want to know about His commands to us. He has given us some insight in the Bible on why He expects believers to love one another. Go over the references and any notes you made on Sunday about why God commands us to love one another. Do you ever try to justify or make excuses for not loving another believer?

**Wednesday.** Since Christ commands believers to love one another, we need to know what this love is. The working definition we used on Sunday is that this love is *God's love in and through us is a willing, sacrificial, unconditional commitment to God's best for another*. Check the Bible references in the outline that show a few highlights of this love. How is this love different from other kinds of love? Reflect on the writer's comment,

*“Jesus’ best-known command, ‘Love one another,’ is also the least obeyed. It’s the most difficult thing Jesus asked us to do.”*

What do you think about his statement with respect to believers in general, and specifically with respect to yourself?

**Thursday.** Christ has commanded and described the love we are to have for one another. He also has shown us what looks like through His own life when He was here on earth. Read through the Bible references in the outline about Jesus displaying this love. Note the qualities and extent of His love. Compare what you see here with the highlights of this love you noted yesterday. This is how Christ loves you. Thank Him for His love.

The Bible also gives us descriptions and pictures of what this love looks like in us. Review the Scripture references in the outline on this. Is this love part of your character? Is it a consistent part of how you relate to other believers. Talk with God about what He has shown you this week about loving other believers. Write out a description of the state of your love for others and how you are going to work to keep on growing in love.

**Friday/Saturday.** Sunday we plan to look at *Praying For One Another*. Review some of the New Testament statements about this beginning with Ephesians 6:18-19 and 1 Thessalonians 5:25 as you prepare for our time together.