



Living Whole: Love One Another

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¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. **1 John 4:12**

Living whole is only possible with love. God's perfect love sets us free and produces love for others.

Love is an act of obedience to God.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." **John 13:34-35**

Love is a product of abiding with God.

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **John 15:10-12**

Loving others is a response to God's perfect love for us.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **1 John 4:11**

What stops us from loving others?

Lack of experience.

The wrong focus.

Believing a lie.

Loving others becomes optional when we buy the lie that God's love for us is circumstantial.

How can I love others?

Experience God.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. **1 John 4:16**

Listen to God. Know God. Walk with God.

Believe the truth.

You are loved.

Obey and Follow.

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **Ephesians 5:1-2**

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7