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God Is Love October 30, 2018 Susan Kirkwood

Love – Love one another as I have loved you. We must speak love into and over the city. Love conquers all things. No matter who a person is or what they look like, what they say or, how they treat us. We must love them with the love of the Lord.

God's love is unconditional; His love is very different from the love we experience with one another because it is not based on feelings. He doesn't love us because we please him. He loves us simply because He is love.

So, if God is love and we, his followers, are born of God, then we will also love. God loves us, so we must love one another. A true Christian, one saved by love and filled with God's love, must live in love toward God and others.

Love is the true test of Christianity. We believe that the character of God is rooted in love. We receive God's love in our relationship with him. We experience God's love in our relationships with others.

The tricky thing about love, we can feel it in a variety of different states. Here are a few words the ancient Greeks used to define the different states of love we can experience:

Storage: natural affection

Philia: friendship

Agape: unconditional, divine love

John 14.15

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 15.10

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

1 John 4.8 ETVR

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4.16b NIV

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

1 John 4.16

We have come to know, and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.



