

Memorable
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“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” – John 13:35 (NIV)

Love is seeing people through the eyes of God and caring about them with the heart of God!

“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

Love is our most defining God-quality!

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. **But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.** – 1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ **The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.**” – Mark 12:29-31 (NLT)

Love is not the ONLY quality that defines us as Christ-followers, but it should be our most noticeable!

Real love has real action with it!

If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person? **Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.** – 1 John 3:17-18 (NLT)

We are to love those who are difficult to love.

Those who aren’t very lovely.

It takes true godliness to love the annoying!

Those with whom we adamantly disagree.

And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. **But do this in a gentle and respectful way.** – 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT)

Those who outright despise us.

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. – Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

For God’s love to fully flow through you, let that love fully work in you!

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. – 1 John 3:16 (NLT)