

What Does Real Love Look Like?

I have made it a priority to study about love in the Word of God. Receiving a revelation about how much God loves me and learning to receive His love has been life-changing. It's been the key to being able to Truly enjoy my life, because when I learned how to receive God's love, I could love others.

This is so important, because the best way—the only way—you can have a happy, powerful life is to get your mind off yourself and do something for someone else. Helping people, being a blessing and adding value to other people's lives is what Jesus meant by walking in love and following His example.

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Ephesians 5:2a (NKJV) says, "Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God." Jesus—our perfect and holy Savior—gave His life for us, took all of our sin upon Himself, shedding His blood so we could have a personal relationship with Him and become the righteousness of God. That was His gift to us. Once we embrace the gift of salvation, our gift to God is following Jesus' example in the way we live our lives.

Jesus says in John 13:34b (NIV), "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." If we learn how to follow this one commandment, everything else will fall into place. When we live a life filled with God's love, then we can become everything we're created to be.

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In Luke 10, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate what it means to love God and your neighbor as yourself. In verses 30-37, we read that a man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when “he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead” (Luke 10:30b).

A priest and a Levite both passed by him and neither stopped to help. Verse 33 (NKJV) says, “But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.” Notice that he “had compassion” for this man and he was moved to do something to help him.

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