

**1 John 3:11-24** 11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. 16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: 20 If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

**John 13:34** 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

**I Corinthians 4:20 NLT** For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

#### **Philippians 2:2-4**

2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

## **Love One Another**

1. Love one another don't be like Cain
2. Don't be surprised if the world hates you
3. We know we are truly saved when we love each other
4. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and no murderer has eternal life  
 "In the heart there is no difference; to hate is to despise, to cut off from relationship, and murder is simply the fulfillment of that attitude." (Barker)
5. This is how we know what love is Jesus laid down his life for us and we ought to do the same
6. Having no pity for others in need is a sign a person does not have the love of God in them
7. Don't love with words or speech but in action
8. Condemning of the heart
  - a. If our hearts do not condemn us we have confidence before God
  - i. Receive what we ask because keep his commands
9. This is the command, believe in the name of his Son Jesus, and love one another as he has commanded
10. We know he lives in us by the Spirit

In the Bible, agape is a selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love that seeks the well-being of others, even when it's undeserved or unreturned