

Love Each Other More

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

“...you yourselves are taught by God to love one another...But we encourage you, brothers and sisters, to do this even more...”

Loving One Another . . .

1) reflects that we are _____ and _____ in Christ.

“About brotherly love [philadelphias]...” (v. 9a)

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.” (Rom. 12:10, NASB; Heb. 13:1)

2) is God’s _____ and _____ to us...

“...You don’t need me to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love [agape] one another.” (v. 9b)

➤ ...from the _____.

“For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another...” (1 John 3:11)

➤ ...through the _____.

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Gal. 5:14)

Matt. 22:37-40 Rom. 13:8-10

➤ ...through _____.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God... God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.” (1 John 4:7-11)



➤ ...through the _____ and _____ of _____.

“So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet...I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.” (John 13:14)

“This is my command: love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:12)

➤ ...through _____.

“...because God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom. 5:5)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love...” (Gal. 5:22a)

3) calls for _____, _____, and intentionality.

“In fact, you are doing this toward all the brothers and sisters in the entire region of Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers and sisters, to do this even more...” (v. 10)

“Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)

“...don’t use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.” (Gal 5:13)

4) requires that we each _____.

“...to seek to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you...” (v. 11)

2 Thess. 3:11-12

“Let the thief no longer steal. Instead, he is to do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need.” (Eph. 4:24)

5) is what _____ people to Jesus _____.

“...so that you may behave properly in the presence of outsiders and not be dependent on anyone.” (v. 12)

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

“Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.” (Col. 3:14)

“Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13:13)