

*This is Us*

THE CHURCH DEFINED

## 1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us **love** one another, for **love** is from God; and everyone who **loves** is born of God and knows God. The one who does not **love** does not know God, for God is **love**.

1 John 4:9

By this the **love** of God was manifested in us, that  
God has sent His only begotten Son into the world  
so that we might live through Him.

## 1 John 4:10-11

In this is **love**, not that we **loved** God, but that He **loved** us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another.

## 1 John 4:12

No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

## John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you **love** one another, even as I have **loved** you, that you also **love** one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love** for one another."

1. Love is priority one!

**2. Love isn't optional for the follower of Christ.**



God's action calls us to action

**3. Love is our witness to the world**

John 13:35

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Does the average non believer want  
what they see in the church?

Living in Christ-centered community requires  
sacrifice...it requires Godly love!

## 1 Cor 13:4-5

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

## 1 Cor 13:6-7

does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices  
with the truth; bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.

4. Loving others is the way to experience  
God's love in you.



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How does God love us?

How can I imitate God in loving others?

Eph 5:1-2

Therefore be **imitators of God**, as beloved children;  
and walk in **love**, just as Christ also **loved** you and  
gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to  
God as a fragrant aroma.