

The Way Of Love

The Cross was the Defining Moment of the Life of Jesus

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me *from* this hour’? No, it was *for this very reason* I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” (John 12:27-28)

1 John 3

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.

1 John 3

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.

1 John 3

JOHN'S DEFINITION OF LOVE:

**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.**

LOVE IS A CROSS!

1 John 3

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.

“Love’s not just something that we’re in, it’s something that we do.” (Clint Black)

2 Groups “The Way of Love” applies to:

Easy to Love

**My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
(John 15:12-13)**

Would you describe the way that
you love as “laying down your life
for your friends?”

2 Groups “The Way of Love” applies to:

Difficult to Love

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

Would you describe your love for difficult people as, “Laying down your life?”

How do I “Lay down my life” for
another person?

Deference and Self Sacrifice

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind...

1 Corinthians 13:4

*The way of love is the way of
patience.*

Does anyone need more
patience?

Pray for it!!!!!!!!!!

*The way of love is the way of
kindness.*

Does anyone need to practice
more kindness?