



## **Healthy Church: Unhealthy World**

### **Healthy Churches Love Everyone Always**

#### **John 15:12-13**

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#### **Sermon Summary**

Churches do not become healthy by accident. Denominational tags have nothing to do with the spiritual health of a church. Churches are healthy because their members are spiritually healthy. Loving everyone always is a significant identifier of healthy disciples and their churches. Loving everyone always does not mean that everyone agrees. Loving everyone requires the belief that no one is beyond the reach of God's redemptive mercy and grace. We are not to judge others but to love them like Jesus loves us!

#### **Diving Into The Message**

##### **1. No Greater Love**

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

**John 15:12-13**

##### **2. Jesus Gave His Life For Us.**

*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Romans 5:8**

##### **3. We Must Love One Another.**

*For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

**1 John 3:11**

##### **4. Jesus Said, "Love As I Have Loved You."**

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

**John 15:12**

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

**John 13:34-35**

##### **5. Love Everyone Always.**

*Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.*

*But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

**1 John 2:10-11**

##### **6. Speak the Truth in Love.**

*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

**Ephesians 4:15-16**

##### **7. Love is Evidence of Our Life in Christ.**

*We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.*

**1 John 3:14**

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# LIFE APPLICATION SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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## Life Application Questions

1. Have you ever been loved by someone at church - someone who loved you because Jesus loved them? Who? What was that like?
  
2. Have you ever been prompted by the Lord to love someone you didn't like? What did you do? What did you learn?
  
3. What is the greatest obstacle to loving someone you do not like? Someone who is living in sin? Someone who has rejected Jesus?
  
4. What is the greatest benefit to loving someone you do not like? Someone who is living in sin? Someone who has rejected Jesus?
  
5. Did Jesus love you while you were still a sinner? Romans 5:6-8
  
6. What can you do or how do you need to focus your thinking, in order to love everyone always? What verses will help you?
  
7. What would characterize a church if everyone in the church loved everyone else always?
  
8. What steps will you take? Who do you need to visit? What do you need to say? How will you begin to pray?