

John 15:9 (KJV)

Christ: "MY LOVE"

We are experiencing a LOVE that existed before the world was created!

1. Christ's Love... gives source; standard; pattern

John 15

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 14:31

But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.

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Romans 5

- 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2. Christ's Love... predates history; familial

John 17:24

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:5

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

3. Christ's Love... produces motivation, outward focus

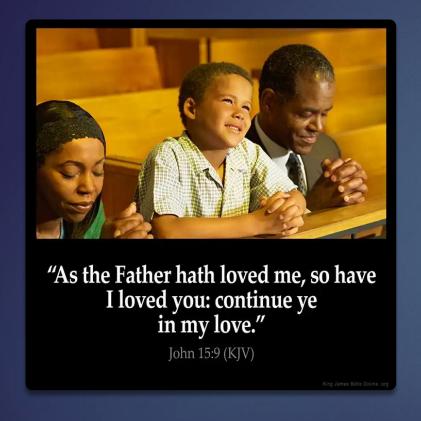
2 Corinthians 5

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

4. Christ's Love... provoked, activated

Hebrews 12:2-3

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.



Application of Christ' Love

- 1. It is an out-of-this world divine love
- 2. It is lived out through the Holy Spirit and motivate by love for Christt.
- 3. It must be shared with others.