

Love & Light

Week 7- Love One Another

The Apostle John referred to himself as 'the disciple whom Jesus loved.' We may feel he is boasting on this account, but more likely he just got it right! And in that way, sets the example for us all.

“If this only is done”

“⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰ This is real love— not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

What is 'Agape' Love?

Agape love seeks the goodwill or benevolence of another, and shows delight in the object of love. It is never used in the Bible for romantic or sexual love, brotherly affection, or family love. Agape cannot be shown apart from faithfulness, commitment and act of the will, because agape love is always shown by what it does.

Agape Love Gives the Best

“⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)” Ephesians 2:4-5

The Best to the Least

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8

We Must Love

“And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.”

1 John 3:23

“And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.” 1 John 4:21

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What would it look like for us, as a church of brothers and sisters together, to show God's love to one another? Would we take pains, take time, pay costs, and find creative ways to benefit another regardless of their worthiness or likeness to me?