

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN  
Disciples in the World  
John 15:12-27  
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## LOVING ONE ANOTHER

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

John 15:12 ESV

Love. Agape This is the characteristic word of Christianity.  
Agape love has its source in the very nature of God.

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.* 1 John 4:9 ESV

Jesus tells the disciples what this kind of love looks like.

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.* John 15:13 ESV

Disciples need to work together.

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.* 1 John 3:16 ESV

## WALKING WITH JESUS

*You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.*

John 15:14-17 ESV

If we all will walk with Jesus then we will also be walking together.  
We are partners in the spreading of the gospel.

When the gospel is shared the person is responsible to accept or deny the salvation purchased for them.

## NOT OF THIS WORLD

*"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you...24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'* John 15:18; 24-25 ESV

Jesus chose us out of the world and because it hated Him the world also hates us.

Jesus does not respond to the world's hate with hate.  
Jesus sets the stage to share His love with the world.

## WHEN THE HELPER COMES

*"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning."* John 15:26-27 ESV

This is the last of the witnesses that John offers going back to John 5.

Jesus has testified about Himself.

John the Baptist told us about Jesus.

The miracles revealed the power of Jesus.

God the Father spoke to the people about Jesus.

The scriptures are fulfilled by Jesus.

Now the Holy Spirit bears a witness of Jesus.

The Disciples give witness of Jesus.

Some will listen and even dare to accept the offer of salvation.  
That is the job of a disciple.  
That is our job.