

## How Can We Help?

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18*

Standards of Love (John 15:12-13, Philipians 2:5-8, 1 Peter 2:19-23)

Self – sacrifice

Generous

Two types of works

1) Works done in order to earn God's favor

2) Works initiated by faith

Labors of love (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

God's power at work in us (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

We were created for these works (Ephesians 2:10)

The purpose of the works of the church is to bring the gospel

What does the sacrificial love of Jesus look like as accomplished through the church today?

1) Steward (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19)

2) Work (Genesis 2:15)

3) Assist (Proverbs 21:13, 22:9, 28:27)

4) Invest (Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 10:21-22, 29-31)