

Word of God Speak! Gospel of John Series 15b

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John 15:9-12, 17

9 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love. 10 When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father's commandments and remain in His love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ... 17 This is My command: Love each other.

What does the Bible teach about loving one another?

Romans 12:10

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

What does it mean to "take delight in honoring each other"?

1 Peter 1:22

*You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other **deeply** with **all** your heart.*

Paul wrote to the early church in Philippi...

Philippians 2:2

Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Why is working together so important as fellow believers?

What does the Bible say about discord among brethren?

*See Prov. 6:19; 1 Peter 3:8

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

What is this verse calling us to do?

1 Thessalonians 3:12a

*And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people **grow and overflow**...*

*See 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Can you have a faith that flourishes if you do not love others as you should?

1 John 2:7-10

7 Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. 8 Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. 9 If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. 10 Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble.

1 John 3:14-16

*14 If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. 15 **Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart.** And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. 16 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.*

Can a true believer be filled and live with hate?

Who do I have trouble loving in my life?

**See Prov. 19:11*

What should my love for others be based on? Their words or actions? Who's?

What do you think the following verses are talking about?

1 John 3:11-12

11 This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous.

Do we have a mental list of people we hate? Are their other believers on that list? Family members?

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

How do we love those we currently don't like?

1 Peter 4:8

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

How does love cover a multitude of sins?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

*4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud
5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it
keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about
injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never
gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures
through every circumstance.*