

# Love One Another

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 1 John 4:7-9

It is said that the old apostle John insisted on being with his congregation in Ephesus for every meeting. When he was too old to walk, the people would carry him and he always insisted on addressing the assembly before dispersing. The assembly loved his sermons more than bread.

What was his message? It was quite simple: "Little children, love one another."

The first time, the weakened old man could say no more and the audience was powerfully moved. And his one-sentenced messages remained the same. Later, the congregation began to consider his words insipid.

Finally, someone asked him, "But Master, why do you always say the same thing?" John replied: "Because it is the Lord's command; because this alone, if it is followed, is sufficient and adequate."

Our society confuses love and lust. Unlike lust, God's kind of love is direct-ed outward toward others, not inward toward ourselves. It is utterly unselfish. This kind of love goes against our natural inclinations.

It is impossible to have this love unless God helps us set aside our own natural desires so that we can love and not expect anything in return. Thus, the more we become like Christ, the more love we will show to others.

Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philip. 1:4