

Love for your Neighbor

(Selected Scriptures from I John)

Introduction: Love: the greatest of all commands - *Matthew 22:37-40*

I. Loving others is evidence that you have come to the light of salvation (I John 2:9-11)

II. Loving others is evidence that you love God (I John 5:1)

To love other believers should be as natural as loving your own family, because we are family, real family.

We know the same God.

We are partakers of the same Spirit.

We are joint heirs with the same Son (Jesus Christ).

We share the same faith.

We eat the same food (God's Word).

We have the same name ("Christian").

We will inherit the same future (eternal life).

We face the same battles.

III. Loving others is the distinctive virtue for the child of God

(I John 3:10-18)

*** Do you really love your brother?**

A. Love is a distinguishing trait that separates a believer from a non-believer (v.10)

B. Love is a message believers should know about right from the start of their conversion (v.11)

C. Love is not envious or jealous of the spiritual success or prosperity of another (v.12-13)

D. Love offers the assurance that one has been transferred from the realm of death to the realm of eternal life (v.14-15)

E. Love is not mere talk, but sacrificial action toward others in need (v.16-18)

Practical ways to express Love for others:

- Love "washes feet" (John 13:13-17)
- Love shares possessions (Acts 4:32)
- Love Gives & Forgives

Conclusion: I Cor. 13