

## ***Love One Another***

### **John 15:9-17**

#### Main Point:

As friends of Jesus, love one another as He has loved you so that you continue to experience His love and joy.

1. Jesus wants you to love one another as He has loved you.
2. Because this is His command and purpose for you as His friends.
3. Because this is how you will experience a greater sense of His love.
4. Because this is how you will experience His joy with increasing measure.

**John 13:34** 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (NKJV)

**J.C. Ryle** “He would have us know that we can never think too highly of love, attach too much weight to it, labor too much to practice it.”

**Matthew 22:37-40** 37 Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is *the* first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (NKJV)

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-4** 2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, 4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. (NKJV)

**Richard Phillips** “The measure of a church is not merely the faithfulness of its doctrine but also the fervency of its love ...”

**John 14:21** 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” (NKJV)

**Charles Ross** “It is just as if he had said: ‘Abide under the sweet smiles on my love to you.’”

**J.C. Ryle** “The man who makes conscience of diligently observing Christ’s precepts, is the man who shall continually enjoy a sense of Christ’s love in his soul.”

**Psalms 51:8** 8 Make me hear joy and gladness, *That* the bones You have broken may rejoice. (NKJV)

**D.A. Carson** “To please the Father gives the Son the deepest joy and satisfaction. Jesus recognizes this is true of himself; and he wants ... his joy to be shared by his followers. They will drink deeply of his joy if they imitate his obedience.”