

# Sermon 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> John

## Dealing with the One Another

“Love one another”

**John says deal with the issues. Here they are...**

1. Deal with Sin (1:8-10)
2. Deal with the Devil (2:12-14)
3. Deal with the World (2:15-17)
4. Deal with the Flesh (2:15-17)
5. Deal with Evil People (2:9-11, 18) [Deal with Hate]
- 6. Deal with One Another (3:11-18) [Deal with Love]**
7. Deal with Doubts (3:19-25) May 18
8. Deal with Idols (5:21) May 25

### **1 John 3:16-18**

**16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.** 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

### **1 John 4:7-11**

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he 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 made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; **if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (His love is mirrored in us)**

### **John 13:34-35**

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this shall all *men* know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

**Last week we looked at Dealing with Evil People (Hate)  
This week we look at Dealing with One Another (Love)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**Love (Agape) the often forgotten issue of the church and family.**

**23 times in I John, the apostle John used the word love.**

19 times he used it in the Gospel of John, the gospel of love

*(ie) It is the statement that remained in John to his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He lost much of his hearing and mental faculties, but as they carried him on a stretcher to church every Sunday in Ephesus he was heard to say repeatedly, "Little children, love one another."*

**No commandment is greater** than this. It is the second half of the great commandment, - Love of parents is the fifth of the Ten Commandments says

*"Honor (love) your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12).*

Luke 10:27 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and **your neighbor as yourself.**

### **A New Commandment**

In what way is the Fifth Commandment a New Commandment? It was applied only to the maternal or paternal family. Now Jesus incorporates it into the family of God.

John 13:34 **A new commandment** I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

1 John 2:8 Again, **a new commandment** I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shines.

2 John 1:5 And now I beseech you lady, not as though I wrote **a new commandment** unto you, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

**True Love sacrifices:** Any love without sacrifice is fondness, mutual attraction, or affection but is not true love. This is what distinguishes real love from affection or puppy love. Real love is willing to lay down its life for the one it loves. All other loves are self centered loves, me-centered, self serving, convenient loves that die when the going gets tough. True love is tough love. It endures. He doesn't say, "A new commandment I give you, **Be nice to one another.**" Being nice goes without saying. The world can be nice to one another. Christians are called to self-sacrificing agape love.

### **I Corinthians 13**

**We can only know what love is as we study and come to understand the tremendous love that God had toward us in Jesus Christ.**

# I. Mother's Love

(ie) Mother's Day in America

We make it a sentimental, mushy, syrupy love.

**POEM: A Mother's Love, by Helen Steiner Rice**

A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking . . .  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation . . .  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.

## We See God In Mother

She Feeds  
She Protects  
She Speaks  
She Kisses  
She Bathes  
She Dresses  
She Plays  
She Stays  
She Sings  
She Holds  
She Rocks

## II. God's Love

Romans 8:35-39  
I Corinthians 13

1. Unilateral
2. Unconditional
3. Unrelenting
4. Everlasting
5. Never Failing
6. Inseparable
7. Sacrificial
8. Measureless

### We See God In Jesus

He Feeds  
He Protects  
He Speaks  
He Kisses  
He Bathes  
He Dresses  
He Plays  
He Stays  
He Sings  
He Holds  
He's a Rock

**His Love sacrifices** – lays down life for, 1 John 3:16

**His Love covers** – a multitude of sins, 1 Peter 4:8, Proverbs 10:12

**His Love endures** – never quits, stays together – committed to being together

- **Mother's love is but a shadow of His love.**
- **Our love for one another is to be a mirror of His love.**

Hymns – to poetry set to music

**O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus 177**

**Love Divine so Great and Wondrous 394**

**O Boundless Salvation 165**

### The Love of God (The Hymnal 67)

1. The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
And pardoned from his sin.

2. When years of time shall pass away,  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men, who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure, shall still endure,  
All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—  
The saints' and angels' song.

**3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above,  
Would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.**

#### Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints' and angels' song.

### **Romans 8:35-39**

35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36. As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39. neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **I Corinthians 13:1-8**

1. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8. Love never fails.

### **O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus 177**

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!

## Love Divine so Great and Wondrous 394

Love divine, so great and wondrous,  
Deep and mighty, pure, sublime!  
Coming from the heart of Jesus,  
Just the same through tests of time.

Like a dove when hunted, frightened,  
As a wounded fawn was I;  
Brokenhearted, yet He healed me,  
He will heed the sinner's cry.

Love divine, so great and wondrous,  
All my sins He then forgave!  
I will sing His praise forever,  
For His blood, His power to save.

*He the pearly gates will open,  
So that I may enter in;  
For He purchased my redemption  
And forgave me all my sin.*

## O Boundless Salvation 165

O boundless salvation! deep ocean of love,  
O fullness of mercy, Christ brought from above,  
The whole world redeeming, so rich and so free,  
Now flowing for all men, now flowing for all men,  
Now flowing for all men, come, roll over me!

My sins they are many, their stains are so deep,  
And bitter the tears of remorse that I weep;  
But useless is weeping; thou great crimson sea,  
Thy waters can cleanse me, thy waters can cleanse  
me,  
Thy waters can cleanse me, come, roll over me!

My tempers are fitful, my passions are strong,  
They bind my poor soul and they force me to wrong;  
Beneath thy blest billows deliverance I see,  
O come, mighty ocean, O come, mighty ocean,  
O come, mighty ocean, and roll over me!

Now tossed with temptation, then haunted with fears,  
My life has been joyless and useless for years;  
I feel something better most surely would be  
If once thy pure waters, if once thy pure waters,  
If once thy pure waters would roll over me.

O ocean of mercy, oft longing I've stood  
On the brink of thy wonderful, life giving flood!  
Once more I have reachèd this soul cleansing sea,  
I will not go back, I will not go back,  
I will not go back till it rolls over me.

The tide is now flowing, I'm touching the wave,  
I hear the loud call of the Mighty to Save;  
My faith's growing bolder, delivered I'll be;  
I plunge 'neath the waters, I plunge 'neath the waters,  
I plunge 'neath the waters they roll over me.

And now, hallelujah! the rest of my days  
Shall gladly be spent in promoting His praise  
Who opened His bosom to pour out this sea  
Of boundless salvation, of boundless salvation,  
Of boundless salvation for you and for me.

### III. Our Love

**Mother's love is only a shadow, a mere faint echo, of God's love. It should be unconditional, unshakable, limitless, never ending.**

**A new commandment is not to "be nice" or "like" one another. It is a command to let the Father love through you. It is a self-sacrificing love, not based on merit, worth, attractiveness, likeability, or reciprocity.**

**This love, we are to have for one another, is not a feeling, but a commitment. It is not a natural but a supernatural love like that of God in Christ who loved us when we were unlovely.**

**The love we have for one another in the body of Christ, the family of God, is a mere echo of His love for us. This love cannot be faked, put on, pretended. It takes a miraculous act of God to put deep into our hearts to be people of this kind of love and mutual commitment.**

**If the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts then it will be evident in our lives and in the fellowship of believers. Love cannot exist in a vacuum. Love cannot exist in the heart without oozing out. It must find expression as God's love did.**

**I cannot say "I love you" but never talk to you, eat with you, share my burdens with you, pray for you. The love of Christ in me will not allow me to live out my Christian life in isolation to other Christians. Love is not a feeling but an action of the will. It must be demonstrated and not just spoken or felt.**

Consider the **One Another Passages** of Scripture that define and demonstrate (show)

Do Others See God In Us?  
Do you Feed?  
Do you Protect?  
Do you Speak?  
Do you Kiss?  
Do you Bathe?  
Do you Dress?  
Do you Play?  
Do you Stay?  
Do you Sing?  
Do you Hold on?  
Are you a Rock?

## ONE ANOTHER PASSAGES

*THESE ARE COMMANDS... NOT SUGGESTIONS!*

1. Accept ... (Romans 15:5-7)
2. Be Kind ... (Eph 4:32)
3. Lay Down Your Life ... (1 John 3:16)
4. Put up with ... (Eph 4:2)
5. Honor ... (Romans 12:10)
6. Fervently Love ... (John 13:34; 1 Pet 1:22)
7. Serve ... (Gal 5:13)
8. Submit to ... (Eph 5:21)
9. Wash Feet ... (John 13:14)
10. Bear Burdens ... (Gal 6:2)

1. Greet ... (Romans 16:16)
2. Admonish ... (Romans 15:14)
3. Confess Faults ... (James 5:16)
4. Comfort ... (1 Thess 4:18)
5. Edify ... (1 Thess 4:18)
6. Exhort ... (Heb 3:13)
7. Forgive ... (Eph 4:32)
8. Sing to ... (Eph 5:19)
9. Pray For ... (James 5:16)
10. Spur on ... (Heb 10:24)

1. Judge not ... (Romans 14:13)
2. Envy not ... (Gal 5:15)
3. Provoke not ... (Gal 5:15)
4. Bite not ... (Gal 5:15)
5. Devour not ... (Gal 5:15)
6. Lie Not ... (Colossians 3:9)
7. Defraud Not... (1 Thessalonians 4:6)
8. Show no Partiality To ... (1 Tim 5:21)
9. Forsake not Gathering ... (Heb 10:25)
10. Put No stumblingblock ... (Rom. 14:13)

These one another ministries were never intended to be done Sunday morning in church, but together in each other's homes. (Acts Acts 2:46 /Acts 20:20)

It is the rejection of togetherness in the body of Christ that destroys the true church's testimony. (Heb. 10:25)