

Demand Love: If you love me you MUST give me what I want.

Withhold Love: Since I'm not getting what I want, I will try to hurt you by NOT loving you.

Payback Love: I will love you SO THAT you will love me.

Confused Love: If you love me you must AFFIRM my choices even if you think my choice will bring me harm.



1 John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Love is action for the good of another with no thought for your own gain.

1 John 4:9 We love because he first loved us.



1 John 2:7-14 The Social Test: Love One Another.

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.



John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



New Example:
Jesus said love as I have loved



New in Extent:

How far does God's love reach?

Matthew 5:43-44 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."



New in Emphasis:

Matthew 22:36-40 “Teacher what is the greatest commandment?”

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and the second is like it - love your neighbor as yourself.”



*Christian love is unique in its
MOTIVATION.*

*Our acts of love are motivated by a
desire to EXALT Christ.*



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1 John 2:9-11



“Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”



- 1. For all believers, the true light is shining but some still darkness lingers.*
- 2. There are those who belong to God and those who do not belong to God; “the darkness has blinded his eyes”.*

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.



Who has God given you to love?

How can I show love to this person?



*Put the Success of Others
Ahead of Your own*

Maintain Clear Relationships

Give and Receive Spiritual Correction

Live an Open and Honest Life