

The Gospel of Love:

Note: 1 John 4:8, reminds us that "...God is love..." This study of the Word reminds us of this great truth and that we must all walk the path of love wherever it will lead. We hear in John 1:14, that "...the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us..." Let us dwell with the Word and ponder its presence among us and share His love through our lives.

Matthew:

Matthew 5:43 & 46: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same?"

Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 19:19: "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:36-40: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Matthew 24:11-13: Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evildoing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

Luke:

Luke 6:27 & 28: "But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:32: For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

Luke 6:35: But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Luke 7:47: So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”

Luke 10:27: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 11:42: Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others.

Luke 11:43: Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seat of honor in synagogues and greetings in marketplaces.

Luke 16:13: No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Luke 20:13: The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I shall send my beloved son; maybe they will respect him.’

Luke 20:46: “Be on guard against the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and love greetings in marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets.

John:

John 5:42: I know that you do not have the love of God in you.

John 8:42: “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me.

John 11:3: “Master, the one you love is ill.”

John 13:1: He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.

John 13:34: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

John 13:35: This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 14:15: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:21: “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

John 14:23: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

John 14:24: Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

John 14:31: ...the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me.

John 15:9: As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

John 15:10: If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

John 15:12: This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

John 15:13: No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

John 15:17: This I command you: love one another.

John 15:19: If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you.

John 17:24: Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:26: I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

John 21:15-17: When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” [Jesus] said to him, “Feed my sheep.

Romans:

Romans 5:5: ...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:8: ...God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 8:35, 37-39: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?... No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present

things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 12:9: Let love be sincere...

Romans 12:10: love one another with mutual affection...

Romans 13:8: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:9: The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, [namely] “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Romans 13:10: Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 14:15: If your brother is being hurt by what you eat, your conduct is no longer in accord with love. Do not because of your food destroy him for whom Christ died.

Romans 15:30: I urge you, [brothers,] by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in the struggle by your prayers to God on my behalf,

1 Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 2:9: But as it is written: “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him...”

1 Corinthians 4:21: Which do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a gentle spirit?

1 Corinthians 8:1: Now in regard to meat sacrificed to idols: we realize that “all of us have knowledge”; knowledge inflates with pride, but love builds up.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13: If I speak in human and angelic tongues* but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 14:1: Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts, above all that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 16:14: Your every act should be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:22: If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed.
Maranatha.

1 Corinthians 16:24: My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians:

2 Corinthians 2:4: For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you might be pained but that you might know the abundant love I have for you.

2 Corinthians 2:8: Therefore, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.

2 Corinthians 5:14: For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died.

2 Corinthians 6:6: in unfeigned love

2 Corinthians 7:15: And his heart goes out to you all the more, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, when you received him with fear and trembling.

2 Corinthians 8:7: Now as you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.

2 Corinthians 8:8: I say this not by way of command, but to test the genuineness of your love by your concern for others.

2 Corinthians 8:24: So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to them.

2 Corinthians 11:11: And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

2 Corinthians 12:15: I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent for your sakes. If I love you more, am I to be loved less?

2 Corinthians 13:11: Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:13: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you.

Galatians:

Galatians 5:6: For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Galatians 5:13 & 14: For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:22 & 23: In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

Ephesians:

Ephesians 1:4-6: In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:15: Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones...

Ephesians 2:4 & 5: But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Ephesians 3:17-19: that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 4:15 & 16: Rather, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 5:1 & 2: So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians: 5:25, 28, 33: Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her... So [also] husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself... In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and the wife should respect her husband.

Ephesians 6:23 & 24: Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in immortality.

Philippians:

Philippians: 1:9 & 10: And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...

Philippians 1:15 & 17: Of course, some preach Christ from envy and rivalry, others from good will. The latter act out of love, aware that I am here for the defense of the gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not from pure motives, thinking that they will cause me trouble in my imprisonment.

Philippians 2:1 & 2: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Philippians 4:1: Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

Colossians:

Colossians 1:4: ...for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones

Colossians 1:8: [Epaphras] who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Colossians 2:2: that their hearts may be encouraged as they are brought together in love

Colossians 3:14: And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

Colossians 3:19: Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them.

1 Thessalonians:

1 Thessalonians 1:3: calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father,

1 Thessalonians 3:6: But just now Timothy has returned to us from you, bringing us the good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us and long to see us as we long to see you.

1 Thessalonians 3:12: may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you

1 Thessalonians 4:9: On the subject of mutual charity you have no need for anyone to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:8: But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet that is hope for salvation.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 &13: We ask you, brothers, to respect those who are laboring among you and who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you, and to show esteem for them with special love on account of their work.

2 Thessalonians:

2 Thessalonians 1:3: We ought to thank God always for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith flourishes ever more, and the love of every one of you for one another grows ever greater.

2 Thessalonians 3:5: May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

1 Timothy:

1 Timothy 1:5: The aim of this instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:14: Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:15: But she will be saved through motherhood, provided women persevere in faith and love and holiness, with self-control

1 Timothy 4:12: Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

1 Timothy 6:10: For the love of money is the root of all evils, and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

1 Timothy 6:11: But you, man of God, avoid all this. Instead, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

2 Timothy:

2 Timothy 1:13: Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:22: So turn from youthful desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord with purity of heart.

2 Timothy 3:10-11: You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured.

Titus:

Titus 2:4: so that they may train younger women to love their husbands and children

Titus 3:4: But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared

Titus 3:15: All who are with me send you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.

Philemon:

Philemon 1:5: as I hear of the love and the faith you have in the Lord Jesus and for all the holy ones

Philemon 1:7: For I have experienced much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the holy ones have been refreshed by you, brother

Philemon 1:9: I rather urge you out of love, being as I am, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

Hebrews:

Hebrews 6:10: For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones.

Hebrews 10:24: We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works.

Hebrews 13:1: Let mutual love continue.

Hebrews 13:5: Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never forsake you or abandon you."

James:

James 1:12: Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life that he promised to those who love him.

James 2:5: Listen, my beloved brothers. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

James 2:8: However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

James 4:4: Adulterers! Do you not know that to be a lover of the world means enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wants to be a lover of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 Peter:

1 Peter 1:8-9: Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:22: Since you have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth for sincere mutual love, love one another intensely from a [pure] heart.

1 Peter 2:17: Give honor to all, love the community, fear God, honor the king.

1 Peter 4:8: Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 5:14: Greet one another with a loving kiss. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

2 Peter:

2 Peter 1:7: devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love.

1 John:

1 John 2:5 &6: But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. This is the way we may know that we are in union with him: whoever claims to abide in him ought to live [just] as he lived.

1 John 2:15: Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 3:1: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:10: In this way, the children of God and the children of the devil are made plain; no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God, nor anyone who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:11: For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another,

1 John 3:14: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death.

1 John 3:16: The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:17: If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?

1 John 3:18: Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:23: And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.

1 John 4:7: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

1 John 4:8: Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:9: In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.

1 John 4:10: In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

1 John 4:11: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

1 John 4:12: No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

1 John 4:16: We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

1 John 4:17: In this is love brought to perfection among us, that we have confidence on the day of judgment because as he is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:18: There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.

1 John 4:19: We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:20: If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:21: This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 5:1: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the father loves [also] the one begotten by him.

1 John 5:2: In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

1 John 5:3& 4: For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

2 John:

2 John 1:1: The Presbyter to the chosen Lady and to her children whom I love in truth—and not only I but also all who know the truth—

2 John 1:3: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son in truth and love.

2 John 1:5: But now, Lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing a new commandment but the one we have had from the beginning: let us love one another.

2 John 1:6: For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, as you heard from the beginning, in which you should walk.

3 John:

3 John 1:1: The Presbyter to the beloved Gaius whom I love in truth.

3 John 1:5 & 6: Beloved, you are faithful in all you do for the brothers, especially for strangers; they have testified to your love before the church. Please help them in a way worthy of God to continue their journey.

Jude:

Jude 1:1 & 2: Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ: may mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

Jude 1:6: Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Revelation:

Revelation 2:4: Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first.

Revelation 2:19: "I know your works, your love, faith, service, and endurance, and that your last works are greater than the first."

Revelation 3:9: Behold, I will make those of the assembly of Satan who claim to be Jews and are not, but are lying, behold I will make them come and fall prostrate at your feet, and they will realize that I love you.

Revelation 12:11: They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death.

Revelation 22:15: Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the unchaste, the murderers, the idol-worshippers, and all who love and practice deceit.