JESUS: TEACH US HOW TO LOVE

JOHN 15:9-14
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Part 2

- Previously, we learned that to love and be loved is life's greatest gift.

- Love is divine because God is love. 1 John 4:8

- Christ's incarnation and cross work were a living demonstration of divine love. 1 John 4:9

- Believing in Christ's demonstration of love for us and yielding to His Spirit in us, we can love others as Christ loved us.

- Every believer can love as Christ loves. How?

First, love needs daily maintenance.

Second, love leads to _____. vs. 10

- *"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil."* **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

- Did you know that we never read of Christ falling out of love with His heavenly Father? Why is this?

    - In John 8:29 Christ said, *" …for I do always those things that please him* (the Father)*."*

- When you love somebody, you live to _____ them, not yourself. If you are going to abide in a relationship centered on love, there is some action required. 1 John 3:16-18

  - *"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."* **1 John 3:18**

Third, love requires _____. vs. 13

- *"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."* **Ephesians 5:2**

- This thing of sacrifice doesn't sit well with our flesh. Our flesh loves to be served.

- But once we are saved and possess the Spirit of Christ, Christ teaches us a different way of living.

- *"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."* **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

Love is action, therefore love is always a _____.

Loving relationships are what bring true, lasting _____ in life. All else fades away.