

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

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Loving Well in a Crazy World, part 2

BIG IDEA: Joining Jesus in his love-movement transforms everything

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” **John 13:34–35**

1. _____ **Loves.** “As I have loved you.” **John 13:34**
“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” **1 John 4:8**
 - **He gave generous MERCY when judgment seemed inevitable.** (Jn. 21:15f, 4:1ff; 8:1-11)
 - **His way is easy, light-handed, GRACIOUS.** (Mt. 9:20, Luke 10:41)
 - **He invited people into his inner circle—NEARNESS.** (Lk. 5:8-11, John 13:23)
 - **His door was always OPEN.** (Lk. 7:37; 19:2)
 - **He initiated & TOUCHED people.** (Mt. 8:3, 19:13-15)
 - **He SERVED food and washed feet—went low and preferred others.** (John 13; 21:9)
 - **He SACRIFICED himself to ransom us.** (1 Jn 4:10; John 15:13)

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.” **1 John 3:16**

2. He Defined _____.

“This is the way”

3 _____ receive his love.

“We love because he loved us first.” **1 John 4:19** NlrV (John 15:9)

Return to our first love. (Rev. 2:4)

Will you come back under his love for you?

“I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3:17-19

4. You love _____.

“love one another deeply, from the heart.”

1 Peter 1:22

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” **John 15:12-13**