

Core Definition:

Love is sacrificially ascribing worth to another.

- * Let *all* that you do be done in love (1Cor. 16:14)
- * *Live in love*, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (Eph. 5:2).
- * *Above all*, clothe yourselves with love (Col. 3:14).
- * This is *the message* you have heard from the beginning that we should love one another” (1Jn 3:11).

- * On these two commandments (love God and neighbor as yourself) hang *all the law and the prophets* (Matt 22:40).
- * the *whole law* is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Gal. 5:14).
- * the one who loves another has *fulfilled the law... love is the fulfilling of the law* (Rom 13:8, 10).

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels...have prophetic powers...understand all mysteries and all knowledge...[and]give away all my possessions...but do not have love, *I am nothing (1 Cor 13:1-3).*

- * Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars” (1Jn 4:20).
- * Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love (1John 4:8).
- * We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death (1John 3:14).
- * How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help (1John 3:17)?
- * Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God (1John 4:7).

- * **No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us (1John 4:12).**
- * **So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them (1John 4:16).**
- * **The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also (1John 4:21).**

- * ***By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35).***
- * **Father, I pray that they may be completely one... as we are one.... *so that* the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (Jn 17:21-23).**

- * **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, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. (Matt. 5:43-45)**
- * **Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you (Luke 6:28).**

- * **But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. (Luke 6:35-36)**
- * **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).**
- * **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful (Luke 6:36).**
- * **Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37).**
- * **You received without payment; give without payment (Matt. 10:8).**

***Jesus, you ascribe unsurpassable worth to this
person, for you died for them. Show me the
worth that you see in them, and help me ascribe
to them this same worth in all
my thoughts,
words
and actions.***