

Who is Jesus?

Our Example - Love

Points to Consider

1. We should follow Jesus' example and love sacrificially
2. We should follow Jesus' example and love unconditionally
3. We should follow Jesus' example and love endlessly

Loving Sacrificially

John 15:11-14 *These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.* NKJV

The Lord sacrificed His _____ for His friends.

1 John 3:16-20 *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.* NKJV

Jesus laid down His life for us, and He expects us to do the _____ for one another.

Love is seen in our _____ not our words.

We chose to act therefore we _____ to love.

We must be _____ to see the needs of others. We must have this world's goods in order to share them.

Eph 4:28 *Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.* NKJV

We _____ so we can give to others.

John 21:15-19 *So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, 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." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him,*

"Feed My sheep. 18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

Jesus wanted Peter to prove his love with actions not words. He told Peter to _____ and feed His sheep.

1 Cor 13:13-14:1 *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.* NKJV

Love is something you _____. How is your pursuit going?
What sacrifices have you made for others this week?
What sacrifices have you made for Christ this week?

Loving Unconditionally

Rom 5:6-8 *For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* NKJV

We hide our real self from people because we are afraid of _____.
We fear that if people knew our every action and our every thought, they would expose us for the sinners we really are.
Christ's sacrificial love is not based on our righteousness, but it is based on _____ righteousness.
Most relationships we experience on this earth are _____ driven.

Mark 10:21-22 *Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." 22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.* NKJV

Jesus loved the rich young ruler. although He knew that he _____ the selflessness needed to follow him.

Matt 8:26-27 *But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"* NKJV

Jesus' love was not dependent on the Apostles' _____. See also Matt 14:31 16:8.

2 Cor 12:14-21 Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved. 16 But be that as it may, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning! 17 Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you? 18 I urged Titus, and sent our brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps? 19 Again, do you think that we excuse ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But we do all things, beloved, for your edification. 20 For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; 21 lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced. NKJV

Since Paul was crucified with Christ, he was able to love those who were _____.

How are you doing at living up to Christ's example of unconditional love?

Jesus' Love is an Unending Love

John 13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. NKJV

Love is the basis of our compassion and service. It was love that _____ Jesus to wash the feet of His disciples.

John 19:26-27 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. NKJV

Jesus loved His _____ to the end.
Love endures the _____ of relationships.

Rom 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels

nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NKJV

It is Jesus' love and the manifestations of that love that enables us to be more than _____.

Eph 3:14-19 *For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. NKJV*

As Christians, we are to be rooted and grounded in love. It is how others will know that we are His disciples.

Knowing the love of Christ is necessary for us to be “_____ with the fullness of God.”

2 Thess 2:16-17 *Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work. NKJV*

Christ's everlasting love consoles and _____ us. We don't have to earn His love.

2 Cor 5:14-15 *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. NKJV*

Christ's unselfish love does not give us permission to be selfish. It _____ us to live for Him

He don't live for Him to earn His love. We live for Him _____ of His love!

How are you doing? Do you love sacrificially, unconditionally, and unendingly?