

The DNA of a Maturing Christian: Rooted in Love

Ephesians 5:1-2

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ²and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

One of the most identifiable characteristics of a Christian is love. It is not the off and on again type, nor is it based someone's ability to repay it. The love a Christian has grows out of a relationship with Jesus. As we imitate Him, we cannot help but be loving.

Jesus teaches us how to love by example.

1. How to love a traitor.
Luke 19:5
2. How to love an enemy.
Luke 6:35, 23:33-34, Acts 7:60, Romans 12:20
3. How to love those from different backgrounds.
John 4:7, 9, Acts 10
4. How to treat fellow believers.
John 13:34-35, 15:12
5. Why we can succeed in loving others.
1 John 4:9, 10, 19, Romans 5:6-8