

Unpacking Abundant Life
Being Loved and Loving

John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Each of us needs to understand that we are loved and loved deeply by God. Jesus shows us His love in many ways. It is undeniable. Being loved by Jesus moves those of us who are His followers to love others. Godly love motivates real change with eternal benefits. To have an abundant life, we need to know and share this love.

1. Jesus gives us a new commandment, Really?

Love one another.

Exodus 20:12-17, Leviticus 19:18, 33-34, Deuteronomy 22:1-4

As I have loved you.

2. How does Jesus love us?

His love is Selfless - John 13:1

His love is Sacrificial - 1 John 3:16

His love is Understanding - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

His love is Forgiving - Luke 23:34

3. How does Jesus' love for me change how I respond to others?

I choose to imitate God with His help daily. Ephesians 5:1-2, 18, Galatians 5:22-25

I put away bitterness, anger, and slander. Ephesians 4:31, Romans 8:13

I become kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving. Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:12-15