

What is the ONE
all-important indispensable
for every Christian?

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

John 13:34-35

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

Matthew 24:10-14

At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more,

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Guidelines:

- 1. Listen to every sermon.
- 2. Study the provided QT's and scriptures each week.
- 3. Discuss the question(s) at midweek and embrace the challenge.
- 4. Participate in a prayer group weekly.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What encourages you about this year's emphasis on love and where do you think you will grow the most?
- 2. Are you willing to do the work?

Bold Love

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
1/14	Tenacious Love	Jer. 2-3, Ez. 16
1/21	Trembling Love	Hosea 1-3
1/28	Committed Love	1 John 3-4
2/4	Offensive Love	Gal. 5:6, James 1-2, John 13:17
2/11	God's Love Language	John 14
2/18	Crucified Love	1 Peter
2/25	Wounded Love	1 Peter

Prayer List

- 1. that we will be convinced that we are loved and adored by God
- 2. that every Christian and every family group grows in their love for God, each other and our neighbors
- 3. that our leaders will boldly love
- 4. that we will be a truly unified church
- 5. that we will love all nations