



**Christ
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- John chapters 1-12 focus on Jesus' public ministry.
- John 13-17 focus on Jesus' private ministry to those who truly believe and follow Him. In these chapters Jesus is alone with His disciples.

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- **Jesus knew that he would be crucified soon and leaving His disciples as a result.**
- **Jesus washed His disciples' feet, including the feet of Judas Iscariot, His betrayer.**

One Another/Each Other

“One another” is two words in English, but only one in Greek: ἀλλήλων (ah-LAY-loan). The word is used 100 times in 94 N.T. verses. 47 of those verses give instructions to the church; the rest are to us as individual believers.

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- It is not a narrowly defined list of actions.
- It is not being someone's slave, doormat, or punching bag.
- It is not an obligation one carries out with a cold soul.

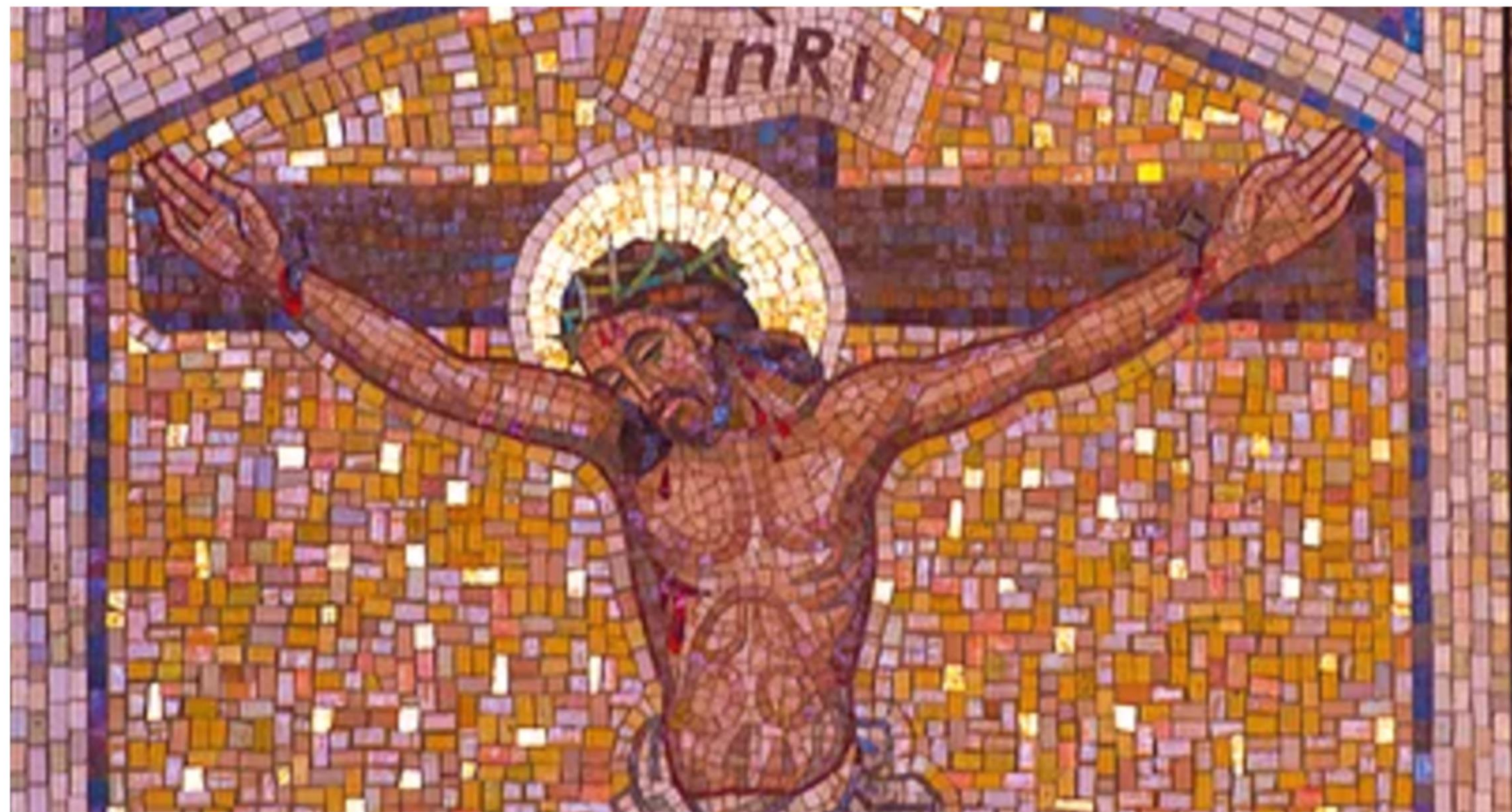
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- **It is not self-serving.**
- **It is not strictly an emotion.**
- **It is not strictly a feeling.**
- **It is not something that should only be understood by your actions without ever saying it.**

What Love Is Not

- It is not something that is genuine simply because one says the words.
- It is not something that you will always feel joyous about.
- It never has and never will be properly defined by Hollywood.





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**God is love. Whoever lives in love lives
in God, and God in them.**

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:20

**Whoever claims to love God yet hates
a brother or sister is a liar.**

**For whoever does not love their
brother and sister, whom they have
seen, cannot love God, whom they
have not seen.**

1 John 4:21

And he has given us this command:
Anyone who loves God must also love
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59 'ONE ANOTHER' STATEMENTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 9:50

Be at peace with each other

John 6:43

Do not grumble among each other

John 13:14

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also
should wash one another's feet.

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John 15:12

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John 15:17

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Romans 12:10a

**Love one another
with brotherly affection**

Romans 12:10b

**Outdo one another in showing
each other honor**

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with one another

Romans 13:8

Love each other

Romans 14:13

**Do not pass judgment
on each other any longer**

Romans 15:14

Instruct one another

Romans 16:16

Greet one another with a holy kiss

1 Corinthians 11:33

**When you come together to eat,
wait for one another**

1 Corinthians 12:25

Care for one another

1 Corinthians 16:20

Greet one another with a holy kiss

2 Corinthians 13:12

Greet one another with a holy kiss

Galatians 5:13

Through love, serve one another

Galatians 5:15

Be careful that you
do not destroy one another

Galatians 5:26

Do not become conceited, provoking
one another, envying one another

Galatians 6:2

Bear (carry) one another's burdens

Ephesians 4:2-3

With all humility, gentleness, and patience, bear with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:32

**Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.**

Ephesians 5:19

**Speak to one another with psalms,
hymns and spiritual songs**

Ephesians 5:21

**Submit to one another out of
reverence for Christ**

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfish ambition or
conceit, but in humility consider
others as being more significant
than yourselves.

Colossians 3:9

Do not lie to one another

Colossians 3:13

Bear with one another and, if you have a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:16

Teach and admonish one another
in all wisdom

1 Thessalonians 3:12

**Increase and abound in love
for one another and for all**

1 Thessalonians 4:9

Love one another

1 Thessalonians 4:18

Encourage each other

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Build one another up

Hebrews 3:13

Encourage one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin

Hebrews 10:24

Stir up one another to love
and good works

Hebrews 10:25

Encourage one another

James 4:11

Do not speak evil against (slander)
one another

James 5:9

Do not grumble against one another

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, be like-minded,
be sympathetic, love one another,
be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 4:8

**Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over
a multitude of sins**

1 Peter 4:9

Offer hospitality to one another
without grumbling

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever
gift you have received to serve
one another

1 Peter 5:5

All of you, clothe yourselves
with humility toward one another

1 Peter 5:14

Greet one another with a kiss of love

1 John 3:11

Love one another

1 John 3:23

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1 John 4:7

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2 John 1:5

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Principle #4

If we are not continuously experiencing God's love for us regularly, we will never be able to put each other first, much less serve one another.

Principle #5

Putting each other first and serving one another will always result in God's overflow in our lives.



Two Brothers with One Wheat Field

**Long, long ago in the land of Israel,
there lived two brothers who loved
each other very much. They were poor
wheat farmers, and they shared a
small field, which yielded very little
harvest during the year.**

The younger brother lived on one side of the field in a two-room house with his wife and children, and the older brother lived alone in a one-room house on the opposite side of the field.

One night during harvest-time, the older brother awoke suddenly. He sat up in his bed, thinking, it's not fair that I should receive an equal share of the wheat with my brother.

He should have a greater share because he has a wife and children to feed besides himself. It must be very difficult for him, yet he never complains.

So the older brother got up from his bed, got dressed, and went out to where he kept his wheat. It took him several trips across the dark field to carry a good portion of his wheat to his brother's wheat pile. When he returned home, he slept peacefully the rest of the night.

Later that same night the younger brother awoke suddenly. He sat up in his bed, thinking, it's not fair that I should receive an equal share of the wheat with my brother. I have a wife and children. When I grow old, I will have someone to care for me, to provide food for me.

My brother has no wife, and he has no children. When he grows old, he will be alone. He should have the greater share of the wheat so that he can sell some of it to provide for his old age.

So the younger brother got up from his bed, got dressed, and went out to where he kept his wheat. It took him several trips across the dark field to carry a good portion of his wheat to his brother's wheat pile. When he returned home, he slept peacefully the rest of the night.

The next day each brother looked in amazement at his own pile of wheat, only to discover that it had not diminished! So the brothers kept working in the field, dividing the wheat, and adding wheat to each other's pile during the nights. And this continued for many nights.

One night as each of the brothers was carrying their wheat across the field to add to their brother's pile, they ran into each other and discovered why their wheat piles never grew smaller, no matter how much they gave. Instantly, they both dropped their bundles of wheat and embraced.

They both realized how much they loved and cared for each other. God saw the love that these brothers had for each other, He blessed their field, and the field became more and more fertile. The brothers grew much wheat together, more than enough for both to live on when they grew older.

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