**What does Love have to with it? “Love Never Fails”**

**Love isn’t a new thing 1 Jn. 2:7**

* **Lev 19:18**  Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.
* **Exo 23:4**  If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.
* Exo 23:5  If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.
* **Pro 24:17**  Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:
* Pro 24:18  Lest the LORD see *it,* and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

**The New Command is seen “In Jesus Christ” and what He tells us.**

John\_13:35  By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

**Reason to love your brother 1 Jn. 2:7-11**

* **God’s Command**: In Matthew 22:37-39,
* **God’s Nature**: 1 John 4:8
* **The Example of Jesus**: Jesus demonstrated unconditional love through His life and sacrifices (John 15:13).
* **Unity in the Body of Christ**: In John 13:34-35, Jesus says that love among believers is a distinguishing mark of His disciples, promoting unity and community.
* **Overcoming Hatred**: 1 John 2:9-11 teaches that love dispels darkness and hatred, promoting peace and harmony.
* **Eternal Perspective**: In 1 Corinthians 13, love is described as eternal, highlighting its lasting significance beyond earthly life.

**Time to Shine for Jesus 1 Jn.2:v8-9**

* ***Romans 13:12****The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*

**How can we shine brighter in this World for Jesus?**

* **Living out Your Faith**: Demonstrating your beliefs through actions, choices, and words.
* **Showing Love and Kindness**: Actively loving others, as Jesus taught, through acts of service, kindness, and generosity. T
* **Being a Light in Darkness**: Standing firm in your beliefs, especially in challenging situations.
* **Sharing the Gospel**: Being open about your faith and sharing the message of Jesus with others.
* **Reflecting Christ’s Character**: Striving to embody the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23),
* **Encouraging and Uplifting Others**: Supporting fellow believers and being a source of encouragement and hope in your community
* **Praying and Seeking Guidance**: Maintaining a close relationship with God through prayer and studying His Word to grow spiritually and understand His will.

**Our Salvation is founded on Love – Why does God love us? 1 Jn. 2:12-14**

* **His Nature**: God is love - 1 John 4:8).
* **Creation**: In Genesis 1:26-27, we are created in God's image
* **Redemptive Purpose**: Romans 5:8 tells us that God demonstrates His love for us
* **Compassion and Mercy**: Psalm 103:13-14 expresses that God shows compassion as a father to His children
* **Desire for Relationship**: God desires a personal relationship with us (James 4:8).
* **Grace and Forgiveness**: Ephesians 2:4-5 emphasizes that God, being rich in mercy, loves us and offers us grace even when we don’t deserve it.