



Love as Jesus Loves You

Scripture: *“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.”* John 13:34–35

1 John 4:7–12

Jesus Is Speaking to You

As you continue walking with Jesus Christ, there is something He desires to do within your heart.

He wants you to love people the way He has loved you.

This kind of love is different from the love the world often speaks about.

It is patient when others are difficult.

It is kind when kindness is not returned.

It forgives when forgiveness is costly.

It serves without asking for recognition.

It remains faithful because it flows from His heart.

You cannot produce this kind of love on your own.

But as you remain close to Him, His love begins to shape the way you see and care for others.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

When Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He wasn't simply teaching them about humility. He was showing them what love looks like.

Love does not always seek the highest place.

Love willingly serves.

Love notices people who are often overlooked.

Love chooses grace instead of pride.

Love speaks truth with compassion.

The closer you walk with Jesus Christ, the more His love will become visible through your life.

This is why it is so important to stay close to Him.

You cannot consistently love with His heart unless you are living in His presence.



A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that loving others depends on how they treat you.
Or maybe you've thought some people simply do not deserve your love.
However consider how Jesus Christ has loved you.

He loved you when you were still far from Him.
He pursued you before you ever sought Him.

He extended mercy before you could repay it.
This is the love He now desires to grow within your heart.
You are not loving people because they have earned it.
You are loving them because you have first been loved by Jesus.

What Difference Does This Make?

Understand, everything begins to change when Christ's love becomes the pattern for your life.
You become slower to judge. Quicker to forgive.
More willing to encourage. More patient with weakness.
More compassionate toward those who are hurting.

People begin to see something different in you.
Not because your personality has changed. But because Jesus is shaping your heart.
As Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, His love naturally begins to overflow into every relationship He places before you.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

Today, ask yourself a simple question.

"Jesus, who are You inviting me to love the way You have loved me?"

Maybe it is someone easy to love.
Maybe it is someone difficult to love.
Maybe it is someone who simply needs to know they have been seen.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love with the heart of Jesus Christ.
Remember, you are not trying to manufacture this love.
You are allowing the love of Jesus to flow through a heart that is abiding in Him.



A Prayer

Father, thank You for loving me through Your Son.
Thank You that Your love reached me when I could not reach You.
Fill my heart with the love of Jesus Christ.

Help me see people the way Jesus sees them.
Teach me to serve with humility, forgive with grace, and speak truth with compassion.
May others experience the love of Jesus through the way I live each day.
In His name I pray. Amen.

An Invitation

Before you continue with your day, spend some time alone with the Lord.
Read today's Scriptures again.
Then ask Jesus, **"Who needs to experience Your love through my life today?"**
Listen quietly. A name may come to your heart.
A conversation may come to your mind.
An opportunity to serve may present itself.

Don't overlook these gentle invitations.
The Good Shepherd is not only shaping your relationship with Him.
He is shaping the way you love the people around you.

Stay closer to Jesus.
As you do, you'll discover that loving others becomes less about trying harder and more
about allowing the love of Christ to flow through your life.

For when Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, His love becomes visible in the way you live,
the way you serve, and the way you care for others.