

January 9, 2022
Love One Another
1 John 3:11-18

“Little children, let us love one another.” That is God’s command to believers from the pen of the apostle John. Is it not interesting that we are command to love? Why are we commanded to love? Are believers commanded to love because it makes us nice people, or is there something more? 1 John 3:11-18 informs us it is much more important than just being nice. It is foundational to our faith, a demonstration of our faith, and our faith in practice.

Outline:

1. Love fulfills the command of Jesus.
2. Love is an assurance of salvation.
3. Love is illustrated by Jesus’ sacrifice.
4. Love helps other believers.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 4:1-16
Leviticus 19:18
Matthew 5:21-26
Mark 3:13-17
John 13:34
John 15:13

Study Questions:

1. Why is it hard to fulfill the command to love one another?
2. Why is the cross the perfect illustration of love?
3. How does our salvation make us more loving?
4. How do you demonstrate love toward other believers?
5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?