

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Sunday Morning, March 13, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Giving and Receiving Brotherly Love

Message Text: John 13:34-35

Introduction:

Have you ever found it to be hard to receive brotherly love? Perhaps it was an act of generosity or an offer to help that you found difficult to accept. In a follow-up to this past Sunday evening's message, we want to consider the matter of receiving brotherly love. When brotherly love is both given and received, it sends a powerful message to the world around us that we are followers of Christ.

QUOTE: To love is to be vulnerable. —C. S. Lewis

1. The _____ of Love was Commanded

(34a)

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another...

QUOTE: The 11 disciples would survive in His absence by obeying His example of love. The command is new in that it is a special love for other believers based on the sacrificial love of Jesus... —*Blum*

DEFINITION — Love is being so completely oriented to another—in thought, feeling, and behavior—that their best interests and desires become as important, if not more so, than your own.—*The Quick-Reference Guide to Biblical Counseling*

2. The _____ to Love was Taught (34b)

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John 13:34 ...as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

BY EXAMPLE — “...as I have loved...”

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

1 John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

ILLUSTRATION: Jesus washed His disciples' feet. (See *John 13:6–8; 13–15*)

ILLUSTRATION: *Jesus wept at the graveside of Lazarus.*

John 11:34–36 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

John 16:13–15 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

NOTE — We are still taught to love through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

3. The _____ of our Love Delivers a Message (35)

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

NOTE — If this love is to be a defining mark of Christ followers, then it has to be more *extraordinary* than the natural love that the world has for one another.

QUOTE: Christians’ love and support for one another enable them to survive in a hostile world. As Jesus was the embodiment of God’s love, so now each disciple should embody Christ’s love. This love is a sign to the world as well as to every believer (1 John 3:14).—Blum

Godly Love	Worldly Love
Sourced in God’s Character (1 John 4:8)	
Unconditional (Romans 5:8)	
Selflessness (1 Corinthians 13:5)	
Eternal (1 John 2:16; Psalm 136:1)	
Love for All (John 3:16)	
Rejoices In Righteousness (1 Corinthians 13:6)	
Christ Based (1 John 3:14; 2:16-17)	

Conclusion — How to respond to brotherly love?

Communicate _____ to your fellow believer and let them know that Christ used them as a channel of His love.

_____ and _____ Jesus Christ for developing His love in their hearts.

Allow their expression of Christ’s love to _____ your love for one another. (Hebrews 10:24)



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