

“Loving and Working While We Wait”
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 * July 19, 2020

The love of Jesus

- **We should never stop showing God’s love**, 1 Thes. 4:10
- **Love _____ with God**, 1 John 4:19 “We love because he first loved us.”
- **Love comes from God**, 1 John 4:7a “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God”
- **God _____ us how to love**, 1 John 3:16-17 “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”
- **God _____ us to show love**
1 John 4:21 “And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

John 15:12–13 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

- **It’s proof that you’re _____**
John 13:35, By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 John 4:7b “and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”

Be _____ in all we do

- **As a witness to unbelievers, 1 Thes. 4:12**
Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

In what ways?

- **Show our _____ in crisis**

“and to aspire to live quietly” = “inner quietness and peace” in midst of trouble
- **Tend to our own duties**

“and to mind your own affairs” = unlike busybodies
- **Take care of our own _____**

“and to work with your hands” = refusing to be lazy

Colossians 3:23–24

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,

¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

Fill in the blanks: starts, teaches, commands, born-again, diligent, stability, needs