

Love is Kind

Video: Confused About love? (WorshipHouse Media) ~ church: just words?

(Jn 13:34-35) ³⁴“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

What is the church known for?

We are Rightly Judged by the Quality of our Love of the Church.

Love is the Sign of Resurrection Life

(1Jn 3:14, 4:8) ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. (1Jn 4:8) ⁸He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Love is all you need.

(Mt 22:37-40) ³⁷Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸“This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ⁴⁰“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Peter Lord: “Love God, then do what you want.”

“new” command: like Jesus instead of as yourself

Jesus had just washed their feet – changing culture, modeling Kingdom
compete to serve/love, not for position/status

Do you want to know what love is? (Do you want me to show you?)

1 Cor 13:1-7

1) Words are meaningless without love.

Love is more important than doctrinal unity.

2) Spiritual Gifts are meaningless without love. (prophecy)

3) Service is meaningless without love.

4-7) Love is more action/response than feeling.

a) choice, so doable apart from feelings (act – feelings follow)

b) feelings don't make wrong action/response love

(Pr 25:28) ²⁸Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls. (defenseless)

We/God have emotions; they are not to have/rule us.

self control - If not you, who?

(Ga 6:10) ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Why church first? *World is looking for love in all the wrong places.*

trying to love the world more than demonstrating love for the world

loving family is appealing to the unloved

Challenge: Be kind to the church. (culture)

social media – world is watching

known by quality of our love (don't give love a bad name)