

Teen Topics

Love

The Issue:

We hear a lot about love in our culture, as we should. Love is an important quality for a person to have. The Bible says a lot about God's love for us (Rom. 8:37-39), and for that reason, we as Christians should especially be loving people (John 13:35). But do we know how to love others as God would have us to love them? What exactly does that entail?

What does the Bible say?

What do these verses say is involved in showing true love?

- > [John 13:34](#) - Have the same sacrificial love as Jesus had
- > [I John 3:18](#) - Show love through actions and hold to truth
- > [Gal. 5:14](#) - Love others with the same love we have for ourselves

Note a few actions involved in showing love:

- > [I Cor. 13:4-7](#) - Being kind, not being arrogant or selfish, not rejoicing when others do wrong, enduring all things, etc.

How would you summarize Paul's love for the Philippians in [Philippians 1:3-11](#)? He desired to see them grow spiritually.

What should I do?

In today's culture, love is mistakenly equated with being tolerant and supportive of everyone, regardless of how they are living. However, true love is an action that involves:

- Caring about the physical and spiritual well-being of others.
- Sacrificially giving of ourselves for the betterment of others. (Consider [John 3:16](#)!)

Loving others involves serving and encouraging people while pointing them to holiness. When others see we truly have their best interest in mind, they'll see we have a love for them that reflects the love God has for us all!