



# Remaining in the Love of Jesus

John 15:9-17

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### I. Remain in the Love of Jesus

Jesus talks about God's love in John 15:9. How would you describe this love of God that Jesus has for us? How does it compare with the love found in our world?

How does God's love for us in Jesus and our love for God in Jesus mark our faith as a relationship rather than a religion?

What does Ephesians 3:17-19 tell us about the love of Jesus?

What key factor of remaining in the love of Jesus is mentioned in John 15:10? Why is this a key factor?

What does Jesus talk about in John 15:11? How does keeping the commands of Jesus bring joy to us?

### II. Love Each Other

What does John 15:12 tell us Christians are to be known for? How do many Christians and churches fall short of John 15:12?

The love mentioned in John 15:12 is the same love mentioned in John 15:9-10. How does 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 describe this love. List the characteristics.

In looking at this list in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, does this love come naturally? How can we exhibit the love of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8?

Does this love happen all at once? How do we keep growing in this love?

What do you do when you struggle with loving someone?

- Remember that the body of Jesus Christ is under the submission of Jesus.
- Choose to love them with the love of God.
- Pray for them. Something happens when we pray for people.
- Release the feelings of anger and bitterness. Release the feelings of distaste.
- Do something for them. Act kindly to them.

Which of these do you find to be the greatest challenge?

What does John 15:13 tell us is a key for our love for others? Note Philippians 2:3

### III. Being Friends with Jesus

What does Jesus call those who follow Him in John 15:15? What does that mean?

How does John 15:13 describe being a friend? How did Jesus do this?

How does John 15:14 describe our being friends of Jesus?

What distinction does Jesus make in John 15:15 between a friend and a servant?

How does Jesus describe His friends in John 15:16?

What promise is given to Jesus' friends at the end of John 15:16?

How does Jesus end this section of verses in John 15:17?