

Thanksgiving

Love One Another

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¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. (1 John 3:16-24, NIV)

- God himself laid down his _____ for me.
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us... (v. 16)
- God has given me material _____.
If anyone has material possessions... (v. 17)
- God calls me his _____ and his _____.
Dear children... Dear friends... (v. 18, 20)
- God shows me how to belong to the _____.
This then is how we know that we belong to the truth... (v. 19)
- God exchanges condemnation for _____.
...and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. (v. 19-20)

- God _____ my prayer.
We have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask... (v. 21-22)
- God gives me his Spirit's power for _____.
And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. (v. 24)

1. What a _____ who loves me!

- We love one another when we sacrifice _____.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. (v. 16)
- We love one another when we show _____.
If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? (v. 17)
- We love one another when we take _____.
Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. (v. 18)
- We love one another when we keep the _____.
For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. (v. 20)
- We love one another when we _____ for each other.
We have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask.
- We love one another when we live in _____.
Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. (v. 25)

2. What an _____ to share God's love!

My next steps "living the adventure":

- Focus on gratitude: Direct your eyes and heart to God's blessings.
- Pray: Ask God to give you the faith to love others—in action!
- Meditate on and memorize 1 John 3:23.