

1 John 5:1-3 CEV

If we believe that Jesus is truly Christ, we are God's children. Everyone who loves the Father will also love his children. If we love and obey God, we know that we will love his children. We show our love for God by obeying his commandments, and they are not hard to follow.

Mark 12:30-31 NIV

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Our love for others is an extension of our love for God.

### **Three ways God commands we are to love others:**

#### **Love through serving**

Galatians 5:13 NLT

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

#### **Love through caring**

Romans 12:9,14-17 NLT

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them...Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

#### **Love through sharing**

Matthew 28:18-20 NCV

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age.”

\*\*\*Response\*\*\*

I'm choosing to serve (Volunteer)

I'm choosing to care (Small Group)

I'm choosing to share (With Me Cards)