

4. Love unites us together in Christ.

We are all together the body of Christ. He brings us together and makes us united. How do we remain in that unity? Read 1 Peter 3:8 (1527).

How do we live?

What is our attitude toward others?

What is our attitude about ourselves?

**In Difficult Times, Love Keeps Going**

1. When someone is hurting, we should repair the relationship.

Suppose we have a problem with someone. Read Colossians 3:12-14 (1480), then answer these.

How did we become God's holy people?

How did the other person become holy?

God freely gives us \_\_\_\_\_, so He wants us to also freely give \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

Read Matthew 5:23-24 (1214) and see how important Jesus said it is to forgive and make peace. What should we do before we even go to worship?

In Jesus' teaching here, who did the wrong?

Who is responsible to try to make peace?

2. Love builds up the other person.

Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (1435). What is that "knowledge" that puffs up? Instead of building up ourselves, how can we build up others?

# Exploring God's Love



*Christians Share God's Love  
With Each Other*

**The Bible says God “God poured out His love for us in Jesus Christ.”** When Jesus died on the cross, God proved His love for us. God promised He will always love us, and nothing can separate us from His love. Now what? Do we just sit back and soak up His love? Or do we do something with His love?

In this Bible study, we will see that God wants us to share His love with other believers. We have a special bond with them. When sin divides believers, God’s love leads us to forgive and repair that relationship.

### **Christians Love Other Christians Because...**

1. Christ commands that we love each other.  
Read John 13:34 (1354). God told people in the Old Testament that they should love each other. Jesus says He is giving a new commandment. How is it new?
2. If we are born from God, then we love each other.  
Read 1 John 4:7-13 (1537). How do we know if someone is born from God? How do we know if God lives in a person?

Which comes first, being born from God, or showing love? Can a person think, “I will try to love a lot, then I can become born from God?”

3. If we don’t love, we don’t belong to God.  
Read 1 John 4:19-21 (1537). Is it possible at all to love God and not love another believer? Can you think of a reason?

### **When Christians Love, Good Things Happen**

1. Showing love is a Christian witness  
Read John 13:34-35 (1354). When we show love for each other, what will everyone know?
2. Love gives to believers in need.  
Read 1 John 3:16-18 (1536). When Christ died on the cross and rose again, did He limit how much He would give us? What limits how much we give to other believers?
3. In love, believers work together.  
Read Ephesians 4:15-16 (1469). Can we work together without love? Can we love without working together?

Now read Hebrews 10:24-25 (1514). Because we are “different parts of the body,” we have different responsibilities and different abilities. Sometimes our work becomes difficult or tiring, or maybe we see someone else becoming frustrated. What do we do then?