When Love Is Seen!

- 1 Jn.3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.
- 1 John 4:7
- 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
- 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
- 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
- 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.
- 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.
- 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.
- 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.
- 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.
- 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- 19 We love because he first loved us.
- 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.
- 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Luke 6:26-38

- 26. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.
- 27. "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

- 28. bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.
- 29. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic.
- 30. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.
- 31. Do to others as you would have them do to you.
- 32. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' love those who love them.
- 33. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' do that.
- 34. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' lend to `sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full.
- 35. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.
- 36. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
- 37. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
- 38. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

1. Love is seen when we forgive and bless those who hurt us!

Luke 6:27-30 - "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

2. Love is seen when we treat people the way we want to be treated!

Luke 6:31-do unto others what you want them to do unto you.

3. Love is seen when we give not expecting to get repaid by that person!

Luke 6:32-35a - "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' lend to `sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.

Pr. 19:17 - He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

4. Love is seen when we are kind to the even the ungrateful and wicked!

Luke 6:35b - Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

5. Love is seen when we give much mercy!

Luke 6:36-37 - Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Mercy = (oyk-tir'-mone) - compassion

Luke 6:38 - give and it will be given you...

Luke 6:38b - A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

1 Jn.3:18 - Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Hebrews 10:24 - And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.