



I THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 4 – THE CHURCH CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT LOVE **LESSON 5 LOVE ONE ANOTHER Terri McFaddin-Solomon, M.A.**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9 – But concerning brotherly love, we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another.

Love is a term that is used so loosely that it is important to get a clear understanding of what it means to “love one another.” In this lesson, I want to address two important components of love.

1. The purpose of loving one another. 2. The power of loving one another.

THE PURPOSE OF LOVING ONE ANOTHER:

- 1. Matthew 22:39** – *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* Loving the people around you creates a built-in security system that allows us to support and protect one another. If I care for my neighbor as much as I care for myself, I will not allow the people around me to go without food, shelter, or medical attention. I will not allow them to be mistreated or feel unloved and unwanted.
- 2. John 13:35** – *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (Also see 1 John 4:20). The true evidence that we are followers of Christ can be seen in the genuine love that we show for one another and for all people, no matter what their background or lifestyle. Christians are often criticized for not practicing what they preach. How many times have you heard the phrase: “How can he/she call themselves a Christian and mistreat people?”

THE POWER OF LOVING ONE ANOTHER:

- 1. Genesis 11:6** - *The LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.”* When we love one another, we are on one accord. We may have different opinions, but we embrace our difference. Unity is the result of loving one another – and unity is one of the most powerful tools that we can possess.
- 2. Psalm 133: 1 and 3** - *How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.* The real strength and endurance of a ministry, a business, family, or marriage comes from unity. As in loving one another – supporting one another – agreeing with one another – forgiving one another.

Find and discuss 5 Bible Verses About Loving One Another