

*There are 59 “One Another”
verses in the New Testament*

“mutuality imperatives”

“Love One Another”

15 times in the New Testament

- New Testament 'One Another' passages...
tell us how to put love into action.
- -Gerald Sittser, Love One Another

- The mutuality commands are a pathway to holiness...practicing the one another commands develops authentic community.
- -Jim Van Yperen, Authentic Community

I John 4:7-17

“Love One Another” - 3 times in 11 verses

Today:

What is the real source of love?

What is the true motivation for love?

What are the actual outcomes of love?

Where do we start in loving one another well?

**Dear friends,
let us love one another,
for love comes from God.**

I John 4:7

**Everyone who loves
has been born of God
and knows God.**

I John 4:7

**Whoever does not love
does not know God,
because God is love.**

I John 4:8

**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.**

I John 4:9

**This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his
Son as an atoning sacrifice for our
sins.**

I John 4:10

**Dear friends,
since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.**

I John 4:11

Main Thought:

Since God so loves us,

our reasonable response is to love those He loves.

**No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love
is made complete in us.**

I John 4:12

**This is how we know we live in him
and he in us:**

**He has given us of his Spirit.
And we have seen and testify
that the Father has sent his Son
to be the Savior of the world.**

I John 4:13-14

**If anyone acknowledges
that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in them and they in God.
And so we know and rely on
the love God has for us.**

I John 4:15-16

**God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God in them.
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.**

I John 4:16-17

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