

Love in Action

Text: 1 John 3:11-18

Series: I Love My Church

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INTRODUCTION - John 13:34-35 / 1 John 3:11-18

I. BELIEVERS ARE TO LOVE IN DEED (v. 18)

- A. The word “deed” means an act, a thing done
- B. True love takes action. Love involves doing something.
- C. Example: Jesus’ death on the cross (v. 16 / Tit. 2:14 / 1 John 4:9-11)
- D. No one can demonstrate greater love than to lay down one’s life for another (John 15:13)
- E. Since Jesus laid down his life for us, we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren (v. 16)
- F. Christians are called to serve one another in practical ways, demonstrating care and support (v. 17)

II. BELIEVERS ARE TO LOVE IN TRUTH (v. 18)

- A. The word “truth” is used here to describe that true love is always true.
- B. Objectively, what is true in any matter under consideration
- C. Subjectively, the mind and heart are free from pretense and falsehood
- D. Don’t let your love be hypocritical, insincere, or pretended