

## Who Do You Love?

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John 15:9-13, 17; I John 3:16-17; 4:7, 10-11, 19-21

- I. Jesus commands us to love one another, just as he loved us.  
(see John 13:1, 14, 34-35; 14:12-15, 21, 23)
- II. Jesus calls us to love our own congregation in particular.
  - A. The necessity of having priorities
  - B. The priority of Christian love: our own congregation! (John 13:34)
  - C. How shall we “love one another”? (too many references to list!)
  - D. The place of gifts
  - E. Love means not having it all
- III. Jesus calls us to hate those we naturally love, and to love those we naturally hate.
  - A. Created good, but ...
  - B. Grace perfects nature
  - C. Hating those we love
  - D. The difficulty of true diversity
  - E. The danger of shallow diversity
  - F. The basis of true diversity (Ephesians 2:13-22; Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11)
- IV. Jesus calls us to love with our time, money, prayer, instruction, and company.
  - A. The practicality of love
  - B. The extremity of love
  - C. Walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)

## Yohana 15:9-13, 17

9 Kama vile Baba alivyonienda mimi, nami nilivyowapenda ninyi, kaeni katika pendo langu.

10 Mkizishika amri zangu, mtakaa katika pendo langu; kama vile mimi nilivyoizishika amri za Baba yangu na kukaa katika pendo lake.

11 Hayo nimewaambia, ili furaha yangu iwe ndani yenu, na furaha yenu itimizwe.

12 Amri yangu ndiyo hii, Mpendane, kama nilivyowapenda ninyi.

13 Hakuna aliye na upendo mwingi kuliko huu, wa mtu kuutoa uhai wake kwa ajili ya rafiki zake.

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17 Haya nawaamuru ninyi, mpate kupendana.

## I Yohana 3:16-17; 4:7, 10-11, 19-21

16 Katika hili tumelifahamu pendo, kwa kuwa yeye aliutoa uhai wake kwa ajili yetu; imetupasa na sisi kuutoa uhai wetu kwa ajili ya hao ndugu.

17 Lakini mtu akiwa na riziki ya dunia, kisha akamwona ndugu yake ni mhitaji, akamzuilia huruma zake, je! Upendo wa Mungu wakaaje ndani yake huyo?

7 Wapenzi, na mpendane; kwa kuwa pendo latoka kwa Mungu, na kila appendaye amezaliwa na Mungu, naye anamjua Mungu.

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10 Hili ndilo pendo, si kwamba sisi tulimpenda Mungu, bali kwamba yeye alitupenda sisi, akamtuma Mwanawe kuwa kipatanisho kwa dhambi zetu.

11 Wapenzi ikiwa Mungu alitupenda sisi hivi, imetupasa na sisi kupendana.

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19 Sisi twapenda kwa maana yeye alitupenda sisi kwanza.

20 Mtu akisema, Nampenda Mungu, naye anamchukia ndugu yake, ni mwongo; kwa maana asiyempenda ndugu yake ambaye amemwona, hawezi kumpenda Mungu ambaye hakumwona.

21 Na amri hii tumepewa na yeye, ya kwamba yeye ampendaye Mungu, ampende na ndugu yake.