

LOVE: Romans 5:6-8; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Christ's love for us means we love too. Love is sacrificial.



We often think that love is airy-fairy and all about *feelings*. The Bible tells us it's way more than that!

The biggest and best example of love is Christ's death on the cross for us.

God's love for us

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:6-8**

1. Think about a time when someone was unfair to you or hurt you. How easy/hard was it to be kind to them?
2. In your own words, having read the verses from Romans above, why is God's love for us so spectacular? How could you use this verse to show someone that love isn't only about feelings? (Think about *what* we are like and think about *who* God sent.)

3. Based on the fact of God's love for us while we were sinners, why should we love other people?

Our love for others

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

4. Pick two of the things that love *is* or *isn't* in the verses above. How did Jesus perfectly fulfil it? (e.g. Jesus was **patient** – he explained his that he would die and rise again to his disciples many times even though they didn't understand. How was Jesus kind? How was Jesus not boastful or proud?)

5. What do you understand by love being sacrificial? What did Jesus sacrifice to love us? What might we have sacrifice to love others? Match the action with the sacrifice!

- a. do the washing up
 - b. include a new person at school
 - c. not complaining about dinner
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1. time with your close friends
 2. eating something you don't like
 3. time spent on the group chat



1. How can you love your family and friends this week? What might you have to give up (sacrifice) to do that?
2. It can be very difficult to love our friends and family when they're annoying us or if they hurt us in some way. If we're a Christian, why should we love people anyway*?

*To love someone doesn't mean you have to let them keep hurting you. If someone is hurting you, tell a grown-up you trust!

sermon notes

Passage:

Date:

Preacher:

The main headings:

Doodles



New ideas or things
I learn.

Questions I want to be
answered as I listen.

+ Why is the cross and Jesus
central to Christian hope?

What questions do you have?

What's the main application?

After the service

What do you want to share with your family from what you've heard?

Hope

g w e r f e f a h t l n n o m
y r r v r t n o d p o z a r f
r q a a i c r e e i u n i w o
a f p c h g s i t h c f j o r
u s l o i i n c r e d i b l e
t c r a m o e e s j d w f a r
c h k o h r u t n e e n v i u
n o r a r e o s a t l s m r n
a p c u c r b d l s e p u t n
s e s h s e v a g y t r b s e
d e l l i f l u f l h j e d r
r e r u c e s g s u i g o d d
y i n n e r s a f o n q r b i
c u r t a i n o n s g l v h i
k f m v x u r t n u s t m k q

hope

spare

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resurrection

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graciously

sanctuary

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give

curtain

ancestors

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forerunner

trial

anchor

Jesus

fulfilled

soul

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incredible

behalf