

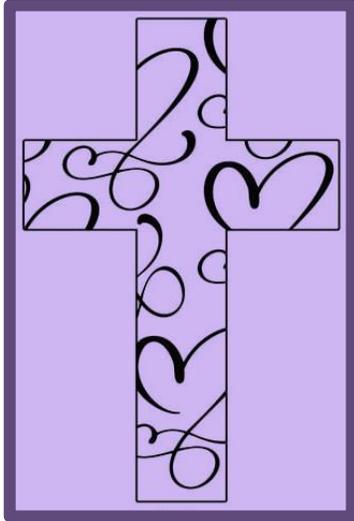
# CHRISTIAN LIFE NOTES

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## Love is:



This year “Christian Life Notes” will examine the Spiritual Gifts with which God blesses us. Paul speaks about these gifts in Galatians. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* (Galatians 5:22-23).

This month we will examine LOVE. If we stop to think about the enormity of God’s love for his people, it becomes mind boggling. Our God, who created heaven and earth loves his people so much that he sent Jesus to teach us, to care for us and to show us His love through his sacrificial death. Jesus is our Savior, our holy sacrifice needed to redeem US! But Jesus’ death wasn’t the end of the story. Jesus was resurrected! Jesus was resurrected after the subjugation of the devil. Jesus won our freedom from death! God’s love gives us forgiveness and a connection to heaven.

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins (1 John 4:10).*

God’s love is our gift. A gift that can soothe ruffled feathers. A gift that can comfort yourself or others. A gift that we can reach out to others and share this good news about God and how he sent Jesus to redeem us from our sins. Listen to these verses:

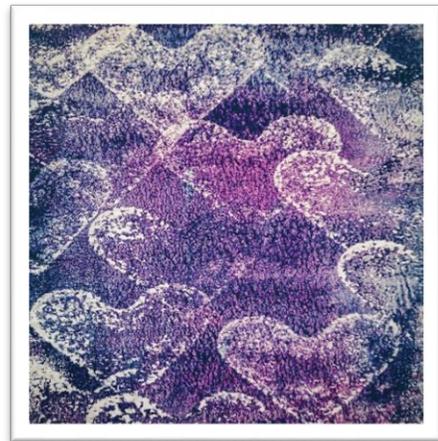
*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another (1 John 4:11).*

*Let all that you do be done in love (1 Corinthians 16:14).*

*Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses (Proverbs 10:12).*

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).*

God’s love imparted to us through our baptism and faith is the love that reaches beyond the hectic, world view of what is important. We strive to praise God and share our love for God as we help others in their daily lives. Reach out! Touch someone’s life with kindness. We rejoice that we have such a wonderful God who cares for us. Let’s use this gift and share God’s love with others.



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