

## **Christians Love Like Jesus**

1 John 4:7-21

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Aug. 29, Ross Pryor, "Be Ready"

Sept 5, Christians live confidently, 1 John 3:1-10, 5:11-15

Christian Assurance

Sept 12, Victorious Living, 1 John 2:17-29,

Christians overcome the world and live in victory.

Memory Verse: *"We love because He first loved us."* —1 John 4:19

**3 Major Teachings on love in 1 John: 2:7-11, 3:11-24, 4:7-21**

### **We love like Jesus by loving obediently.**

#### **1. Obediently**

*And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.* —1 John 4:21

#### **A New Command**

*"Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard."* —1 John 2:7

*"And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us."* —1 John 3:23

#### **Made Complete**

*"But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him."* —1 John 2:5

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."* —1 John 4:12

*"It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."* —1 Corinthians 13:7

### **We love like Jesus in the Spirit's power.**

#### **2. Spiritually Empowered**

*"We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit."* —1 John 4:13

*“Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.”* —1 John 3:24

*“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”* —Romans 5:5

*“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”* —2 Timothy 1:7

***“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*** —Philippians 4:13  
Alyce Dunn, Moses, Gideon, David, Peter, Mother Teresa, Christine Caine

### **We love like Jesus in humble service.**

#### **3. Humbly Serving**

*“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”* —1 John 4:10

*“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”* —1 John 3:16

*<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”* —Philippians 2:5-11

*“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?”* —1 John 3:17

### **We love like Jesus, confidently as children of God.**

#### **4. Confidently**

*“In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.”* —1 John 4:17

*“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.”* —1 John 3:14

*“Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.”* —1 John 3:21-22

Rev. Jack Hayford, Van Nuys, CA, Cleansing stream teaching on Alignment must be linked to humble submission to avoid legalism.

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**Have you received God’s love? Whom is God asking you to love?**