

**“Moved To Care”
1 John 3:11-20**

The Two Great Commandments:

1. Love God
2. Love Your **Neighbor**

Mission Slogan for Oakland Church:

Making passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ!

1 John 3:11 begins with the **New** Commandment.

1. Love One Another

“This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.” --1 John 3:11

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” --John 13:34

The phrase “*But has no pity on him*” (NIV) literally means “*but shuts his bowels from him...*”

“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

splagcnon (*splangkʰ-non*), from the word for spleen, means bowels, intestines, (the heart, lungs, liver, etc.) The bowels were regarded as the seat of the more violent passions, such as anger and love; but by the Hebrews as the seat of the tenderer affections, esp. kindness, benevolence, compassion.

The 10 of the Old Testament are summed up in the **TWO GREAT** Commandments of the New Testament.

During the Last Supper these two are restated as the **ONE NEW** Commandment.

2. Jesus Defines Love

“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

Jesus **demonstrates** and defines love for us.

John 3:16, “*For God so loved the world that He gave...*”

splagcnizomai *splangkhnid'-zom-ahee* found 12 times in the New Testament means to have compassion (7) or be moved with compassion (5).

This verb usually refers to **Jesus** being moved with compassion, to have compassion.

What moved Jesus? a. Downcast and **Scattered**
 b. **Sick**, and grieving
 c. Blind and the **Lost**

- Lepers—Mark 1:41
- Harassed and helpless crowd—Matthew 9:36-38
- Hungry and tired crowd—Mark 6:34, Matthew 14:14 (Feeding 5,000)
 Matthew 15:32, Mark 8:2 (Feeding 4,000)
- Grieving widow at Nain—Luke 7:13
- Blind men near Jericho—Matthew 20:34

Every need **moved** Jesus within and Jesus **responded** with action.

“Am I my brother’s keeper?” **YES!**

3. Anyone in **Need**

Luke 10:30-37, (VERSE 33), “But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him...”

The Good Samaritan felt compassion and **went** and did something.

Conclusion: Have you experienced God’s Love?

God loves you and me so much that He **gave** His Only Son.

God offers us the **heart** of Jesus:

- A Worshipful heart with a passion to **worship** God.
- A Caring Heart to **respond** to human need.

Memory Verse:

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