

Love One Another

I John 3:11-For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (KJV)

The Apostle and Evangelist John speaks with authority about loving one another. Apostle John was blessed to learn about love directly from the Lord Jesus Christ. Our relationships in life reflect and define our relationship with Jesus Christ. The Apostle John's words are to be taken seriously if we are to grow in Christ. We have the opportunity throughout life to improve our daily relationships.

I John 3:23-And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. (KJV)

Learning to love each other in ways pleasing to Jesus Christ takes great effort. Christians are expected to be tolerant, forgiving and patient in daily relationships. Daily relationships commonly exist in the home, at work and in the community. Adults and children often interact in ways revealing their relationship with Christ. Every relationship reveals the person's relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I John 4:7-Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (KJV)

Having love for one another involves seeing Christ in each person in daily life. Jesus Christ filling the heart, mind and soul enables love for one another. The home is where love for one another is clearly to be lived out each day. The parish church proclaims and teaches about God's love for each person. Learning to perfect love in personal relationships occurs in the parish church.

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

The Divine services of the Church are a direct experience with God's love. Believers experience Jesus Christ in the Divine services of the Church. Jesus Christ is Love and is experienced in the Holy Mysteries of the Church. Love is learned directly from the Lord Jesus Christ through His teachings and life. Jesus' Death on the Cross and His Resurrection revealed His immeasurable love.

I John 4:12-No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (KJV)

Love perfected in human relationships shows the full possibilities of human life. Christ alive in the heart, mind and soul enables relationships to grow and develop. Family relationships maturing in the Lord Jesus Christ extend into eternal life. Believers seeking to improve daily relationships benefit by praying to Jesus Christ. Repentance is the way to begin anew in difficult and frustrating daily relationships.