

“Just Preach About Love”
(Challenging NT Love Principles)

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- Love the unlovable (Mt. 5:43-46; Lk. 6:27-35; 1 Jn. 4:20-21)
- Love for Jesus is more than love for others (Mt. 10:37)
- Love requires our all for God (Mt. 12:37; Mk. 12:30; Lk. 10:27; 1 Jn. 4:19)
- Love your neighbor as yourself (Mt. 22:37-39; Mk. 12:31-33; Lk. 10:27; Eph. 5:28-33)
- Love for others can grow cold (Mt. 24:12; Rev. 2:4; comp. Eph. 6:23-24)
- Love is willing to rebuke (Mk. 10:21; Rev. 3:19)
- Love need not be selective (Lk. 11:42-43; see Jn. 5:42; 8:42)
- Love requires obedience (Jn. 3:16, 19; 16:27)
- Love is selfless and it sacrifices; it gives up for others (Jn. 3:16; 13:1, 34-35; 14:28; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20; 5:13-14, 22; Eph. 5:2, 25; 1 Jn. 3:13-18; 4:9)
- Love is learned – from Jesus (Jn. 13:34-36)
- Love keeps God’s commandments (Jn. 14:15, 21-24, 31; 15:9-17; 21:15-17; 1 Jn. 2:5; 5:2-3; 2 Jn. 6)
- Love is a conscious decision that initiates selfless action (Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:19)
- Love is to be without hypocrisy (Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Pet. 1:22)
- Love cares for others (Rom. 12:10; 13:8-10; 14:15)
- Love has its limits; it will not engage in evil (1 Cor. 13:1-13; 14:1; 16:22, 24)
- Love forgives (2 Cor. 2:4, 8; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13-14)
- Love must grow and abound (2 Cor. 8:7; Phil. 1:9; 1 Thess. 3:12; 2 Thess. 1:3)
- Love is to be proved (2 Cor. 8:8, 24)
- Love is part of a working faith (Gal. 5:6; Eph. 6:23-24; 1 Thess. 5:8)
- Love is a part of holy living (Eph. 1:4, 15)
- Love always speaks the truth (Eph. 4:15; 2 Thess. 2:10; 2 Jn. 1, 3; 3 Jn. 1)
- Love those who are strangers (Heb. 13:1-2)

- Love not the world (1 Jn. 2:15-17; see Mt. 6:24 / Lk. 16:13; Jn. 3:19; 12:43; 2 Tim. 3:2; 4:10; Heb. 13:5; 3 Jn. 9; Rev. 22:15)
- Love acts with deeds, not with words only (1 Jn. 3:16-18; 4:21)
- Love for Christ comes first over self (Rev. 12:11)