

Love One Another
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What is love? Here are a couple of definitions that the world creates for love:

- *“An intangible connection between two people that feels exceptionally good”*¹
- *“Love is a force of nature.we cannot command, demand, or take away love”*²
- *“Love is acceptance”*³

Yet none of these definitions actually fit with what the Bible calls love.

First of all, the Bible says love is not a feeling or emotion, but action (1 John 3:16-17, John 13:34-35). Second, the Bible tells us that love is desiring the best possible outcome (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). This means that it is not acceptance or tolerance. Finally, Scriptures say that love is a commandment above all others (1 John 3:23, John 14:21, Mark 12:30-31). It most certainly is not a force of nature (or natural), and is controllable and under our ability to change.

The Bible defines love: Love is the actions that seek the best possible outcome based on our love for God.

We need to add one key idea to this. No one will inherit eternal life who does not love their brethren with this divine love.

So how can we learn to love in this manner? This love is revealed in the cross (1 John 4:9). There Jesus offered a love for all men. If we accept the cross we accept this truth.

The truth of the Gospel is this: If I love God, I love the people He died to save.

¹ www.selfcreation.com/blog/the-worlds-best-definition-of-love

² www.psychologytoday.com/blog/love-without-limits/201111/what-is-love-and-what-isn't

³ <https://www.drzimmerman.com/tuesdaytip/relationship-management-is-the-key-to-healthy-relationships>