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"Little children, I am with you yet a little while longer. You shall seek Me; and as I said unto the Jews, where I go, you cannot come; so now I say to you, 'A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.' **By this** shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another." (see [John 13:33-35](#))

"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall **abide in My love**; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and **abide in His love**. These things have I spoken unto you, so that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. **This is My commandment:** that you love one another, as I **have loved you.** **Greater love** has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. **You are My friends, if** you do whatever I command you." (see [John 15:9-14](#))

I have Loved: from the Greek word **egapasa** a verb which means: I-Have-Loved; from the root word **agapao** which properly means: to prefer, to love in a proactive manner; to willingly and wisely do what is best for others. Also for believers: **preferring** to live in obedience to and through Christ Jesus: "Embracing God's will, choosing His choices and obeying them through His power. Preeminently refers to what God prefers since He is Love." To be full of good-will and practicing the same towards others; to regard actively the welfare of others; In context: this same kind of benevolent Love with which Jesus has proactively provided for the salvation of men, being accomplished during His first coming, where-by He (Jesus) became the Sacrificial Lamb for the forgiveness and atonement of our sins, once, and eternally for all who believe in Him (see [John 3:16](#)).

You: from the Greek word **hymas** which means: you; (second person singular personal pronoun); refers to the disciples to whom Jesus is speaking; and by extension to all believing disciples.

The Love of Jesus for us really cannot be separated from the love of the Father for us! For truly the Father and Son are One! Please consider also the following:

"Beloved, let us love one another; **for love is of God**; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who loves not does not know God; **for God is Love**. In this was manifested the Love of God towards us: because God sent His only begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, **but that He loved us**, and sent **His Son** to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, **if God so loved us**, we ought also to love one another." (see [1John 4:7-11](#))

"He who has My commandments, and keeps them, it is he who loves Me; and he who loves Me **shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him**, and will manifest Myself to him. Judas said unto him, but not Iscariot, 'Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself unto us, and not unto the world?' Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man loves Me, he will keep My words; **and My Father will love him**, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My sayings; and this word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me." (see [John 14:21-24](#))

"For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving diverse lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after **the love and kindness of God our Savior** towards man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; so that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of Eternal Life." (see [Titus 3:3-7](#))

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In our opening verses Jesus said, "**Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**" Truly, for such a Greater Love did Jesus Himself lay down His Life for His friends; of whom we are if we are in deed truly His disciples. Please consider the following:

"As the Father knows Me, even so know I the Father; **and I lay down My life for the sheep.** And I have other sheep, who are not of this fold (non Jewish Gentiles); those also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be **one fold, and One Shepherd.** Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, so that I might take it (up) again. No man takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay **it** (His Life) down, and I have power to take **it** (up) again. This commandment I have received from My Father." (see [John 10:15-18](#))

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation works patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. And hope does not make ashamed; because the **love of God is shed abroad in our hearts** by the Holy Spirit who is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, **in due time Christ died for the ungodly.** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man some **would even dare to die.** But God (the Father) commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him (Jesus). For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by His life.**" (see [Romans 5:3-11](#))

For this Love from Jesus, the enemy of His church, Saul of Tarsus, became Paul the beloved apostle and bond-slave of his Lord Jesus. Please consider the following written by Paul:

"For this cause I bow My knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, so that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power by His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; so that you, being **rooted and grounded in love,** may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ (for us), which surpasses knowledge, so that you might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him (the Father) who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, unto Him be glory in the church in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." ([Ephesians 3:14-21](#))

"Therefore, be you followers of God, as dear children; and **walk in love,** as **Christ also has loved us, and has given Himself for us** an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." (see [Ephesians 5:1-2](#))

"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, '*For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter*' (Psalm 44-22). No, in all these things we are more than conquerors **through Him (Jesus) who loved us.** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature (or created thing), shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (see [Romans 8:34-39](#))

"For the love of Christ constrains us; because we thus judge, that **if One died for all,** then all were dead; and that **He died for all,** so that they who live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but **unto Him who died for them,** and rose again. Therefore, henceforth we know no man after the flesh; yes, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (or creation); old things have passed away; **behold, all things have become new.**" (see [2 Corinthians 5:14-17](#))

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"Beloved, if God so loved us, **we ought also to love one another.**" So wrote John the apostle, as quoted above. Please consider the following:

"For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another.** Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one (the devil), and killed his brother. And why did he slay him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love the brethren.** He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has Eternal Life abiding in him. By this we perceive **the love of God,** because **He (Jesus) laid down His Life for us;** and so we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (see [1John 3:11-16](#))

Finally, please consider these messages that Jesus spoke unto the church of Philadelphia, and the church of Laodicea:

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'These things says He who is Holy, He who is True, He who has the key of David, He who opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens. I know your works; behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it; for you have a little strength, and have kept My word, and have not denied My Name. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.'" (see [Revelation 3:7-9](#))

"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the Creation of God (these are Titles of Jesus): 'I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;' and do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel you to buy from Me gold tried in the fire, so that you may be rich; and white raiment, so that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness may not appear. And anoint your eyes with eye-salve, so that you may see. **As many as I love (Philo), I rebuke and chasten;** be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and have sat down with My Father in His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit (of God) says unto the churches. (see [Revelation 3:14-22](#))

Jesus Loves Us

The Love of Jesus for us was, and still is, so Great that He offered up His Life unto death on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins !!

And because the Father Loved us so very much, He gave up His Beloved Son Jesus to do this for us !!

The Father and Son also gave us this commandment: that we love one another in the same manner as They have loved us !! Greater love has no man than this: that he lay down his life for Jesus !!

**Thank You Lord Jesus that You did lay down Your life for me !
Thank You Father for making me into a new creation in Christ Jesus !**

Come soon Lord Jesus! Amen and Amen !!