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Footsteps
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5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

1 John 2:5-15 - continued

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

1 John 2:5-15 - continued

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Introduction

A. An expected walk (2:5-6)

B. An established walk (2:7)

C. An evident walk (2:8-11)

D. An encompassing walk (2:12-14)

E. An excluded walk (2:15)

I. The Command To Love Like Jesus

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

I. The Command To Love Like Jesus

**A. Jesus commands us to love one another as He loved us
(13:34)**

1 John 3:1

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

I. The Command To Love Like Jesus

B. Our love for others is a testimony to the world (13:35)

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

I. The Command To Love Like Jesus

C. Jesus showed us the perfect example of sacrificial love

1 John 4:9-10

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

II. The Love Of Jesus Is Unconditional

A. Jesus loves us even when we are unworthy

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

II. The Love Of Jesus Is Unconditional

B. His love never fails or changes

1. In resolve

1 Corinthians 13:8

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

II. The Love Of Jesus Is Unconditional

B. His love never fails or changes - continued

2. In reach

Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. The Love Of Jesus Is Unconditional

C. Jesus loved us to the point of giving His life

John 15:13

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

III. Loving Others As Jesus Loves Us

A. We are called to love our enemies

Matthew 5:44

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Romans 12:17-18

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

III. Loving Others As Jesus Loves Us

B. Love is the fulfillment of God's law

Romans 13:10

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

III. Loving Others As Jesus Loves Us

C. We must forgive others as Jesus forgives us

1. An attitude to emulate

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

2. An action to experience

Matthew 6:14-15

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Look To Love

Live In Love

Live In Christ