

Love in Practice

Purpose

Love is one of the most important themes in Scripture. Yahushua taught that the two greatest commandments are to love Yahweh and to love our neighbor. But what does biblical love actually look like in practice?

This study examines how Scripture defines love—not merely as an emotion, but as a way of living. Through these passages, consider how love is expressed toward Yahweh, toward other people, toward truth, and even toward enemies.

Instructions

Read each passage and discuss what it teaches about love. Pay attention to both Yahweh's love for humanity and the ways believers are called to demonstrate love in their daily lives.

Key Scriptures

The Two Greatest Commandments

- Matthew 22:37–39
- Mark 12:30–34
- Deuteronomy 6:5
- Leviticus 19:18
- Leviticus 19:34

Loving Yahweh

- Exodus 20:6
- Deuteronomy 5:10
- Deuteronomy 7:9
- Deuteronomy 10:12
- Deuteronomy 11:1
- Deuteronomy 11:13
- Deuteronomy 11:22
- Deuteronomy 13:1–3
- Deuteronomy 30:6
- Deuteronomy 30:16
- Deuteronomy 30:20
- Joshua 22:5
- Nehemiah 1:5
- Psalm 97:10

Loving Yahweh's Ways

- Psalm 119:47–48
- Psalm 119:97

- Psalm 119:113
- Psalm 119:127
- Psalm 119:132
- Psalm 119:165

Love Toward Others

- Deuteronomy 10:19
- Proverbs 10:12
- Proverbs 17:9
- Proverbs 27:5
- Matthew 19:19
- Luke 10:25–37
- Romans 12:9–21
- Galatians 5:13–14
- James 2:8
- 1 Peter 3:8
- 1 Peter 4:8

Loving Your Enemies

- Matthew 5:43–48
- Luke 6:27–36

Yahushua’s Teaching on Love

- John 13:34–35
- John 14:15
- John 14:21
- John 14:23–24
- John 14:31
- John 15:12–19
- John 21:15–17

The Love of Yahweh

- Romans 5:8
- Ephesians 2:4–7
- 1 John 3:1
- 1 John 4:7–10

Love in Action

- Romans 14:15
- 1 Corinthians 8:1
- 1 Corinthians 13:1–8
- 1 Corinthians 14:1
- 1 Corinthians 16:14

- 2 Corinthians 2:5–11
- Hebrews 6:10
- Hebrews 10:24
- 1 Peter 1:22

Things That Compete With Love

- Matthew 6:24
- 1 Timothy 6:10
- 1 John 2:15–17
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10

Questions for Consideration

1. Why did Yahushua identify love for Yahweh and love for neighbor as the greatest commandments?
2. According to Scripture, what does it mean to love Yahweh?
3. How often is love connected to obedience and walking in Yahweh's ways?
4. What is the relationship between love and keeping Yahweh's commandments?
5. What practical ways can we show love to strangers, neighbors, and fellow believers?
6. Why is forgiveness such an important expression of love?
7. What makes loving enemies different from ordinary human behavior?
8. How did Yahweh demonstrate His love toward humanity?
9. How did Yahushua demonstrate love toward the Father and toward people?
10. Why does Scripture warn against the love of money and the love of the world?
11. What does 1 Corinthians 13 teach about the characteristics of genuine love?
12. How can knowledge become harmful when it is not accompanied by love?
13. What role does humility play in loving others?
14. What does it mean to love the truth?
15. How can believers grow in love over time?

Notes & Observations

Takeaways

- What did you learn about loving Yahweh?
- What did you learn about loving other people?
- Which passages challenged your understanding of love?
- Are there practical ways you can demonstrate love more faithfully?

- What obstacles make it difficult to love as Scripture teaches?

Additional Notes

Throughout Scripture, love is consistently connected to action. Love is not merely a feeling but is demonstrated through obedience, service, forgiveness, sacrifice, compassion, truthfulness, and concern for others. Yahweh showed His love by giving His Son, and believers are called to reflect that same love toward Yahweh and toward one another.