

## Loving others is living ever



By way of introduction, we are created in the image and likeness of God([Genesis 1:26](#)). Also, from the Scripture it is written that God is love([1 John 4:8](#)). Thus, for the fact that we are created in the image and likeness of God, we should be an expression of love in its entirety.

Apart from dominion given to us at the creation([Genesis 1:27](#)), love is another great asset available to man by virtue of our creation in the likeness and image of God. In addition, we are gods, like beget likes([Psalm 82:6](#)).

What happened?

We lost our dominion and the God-like love due to our disobedience and rebellion in the Garden of Eden. As an implication, what do we have now? A love-drained world and love-sapped society. We are now in a world where everyone only cares about themselves. No one seems to care about each other. The only alphabet that is in operations and has meaning to most people is “I”. No wonder they have managed to construct a saying supporting this act. “*I before others*”, is gradually becoming a widely used slogan.

We all go about our activities with little or no consideration for others. A more significant percentage of people on this planet are nothing but a bunch of selfish individuals.

Caring for others goes along with a passionate love for others. The Scripture in [Matthew 24:12](#) talks about a time when there will be “more and more” evil in the world. According to this Scripture, during that time, most people will stop showing their love for each other, and their love will wax cold for each other.

If we are good at analyzing events, we should be able to understand that we are in the period already. Love for others is gradually becoming scarce and loving oneself is trending.

We need to understand the fact that no matter the situation, the Word of God stands sure and forever([Isaiah 40:8](#)). God’s commandments, instructions, principles, laws, and rules are for all generations. Our Lord Jesus Christ says “*you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself*”( [Luke 10:27](#)). We should note that this is unconditional and without any form of excuse, is a must for us.

With this background, can you sincerely say that you are your brother’s keepers([Genesis 4:9](#))?

Have you ever thought of what we owe each other?

We need to remain together in faith, hope, and love, but it’s most important and essential for us to be together in love([1 Corinthians 13:13](#)).

We must never forget that understanding is the bedrock of anything outstanding. Knowing the reason for doing a thing makes it easier to do and follow. With this understanding, let's see what it entails to love others.

The act of love comes in two(2) ways;

**(A) Why do we need to love each other?**

- a. It demonstrates our discipleship.(John 13:34-35)
- b. It is a fulfillment of the law.(Romans 13:8)
- c. It is an act of obedience(1 Peter1:22)
- d. It shows we are God's children.(1 John 3:10-11)
- e. It is God's commandment(2 John 5)

**(B) How do we express our love for one another?**

I have met quite a number of people who made it clear to me that they do have love but lack the expression of it to others. Now, let's see some of the ways of expressing love to others;

- a. By forgiving one another(Ephesians 4:32)
- b. By bearing one another's burden(Galatians 6:1-2)
- c. By submitting to one another(Ephesians 5:21)
- d. By considering one another(Hebrews 10:24-25)
- e. By exhorting/encouraging one another(Hebrews 3:12-13)

Finally, Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins and my sins. Bible says, "*Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends.*"(John 15:13)

We didn't even know what true love was until we saw it in Him. He loves everyone, even those who hated Him. Someone said this about Jesus Christ; "*If someone were going to catch you at your worst moment you'd want it to be Him*". No matter who you are, what you are, where you are, what you are doing, or what you have done and others, Jesus Christ will totally accept you, what a love He is!

You can only give what you have. A relationship with Jesus Christ guarantees abundant love. Accept Him as your Lord and Savior today if you are yet to do so, He is ever available for you.

Friends, you can only give what you have, through Jesus Christ, you will become an embodiment of love. You will radiate love and love others without struggle.

Always remember, loving others is a commandment and a way of living happily ever.

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**