

"LOVE" ONE IN DECEMBER

Phil. 3:13-14, "I (Apostle Paul) do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (NKJV)

1 Cor. 13:1-3, "If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise. If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all about what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love. If I gave everything I have to poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever." (TLB)

I. WE ARE COMMANDED TO LOVE.

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (NKJV)

II. HOW CAN WE EXTEND LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER?

A. By letting people see love.

Eph. 4:31-32, "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (NKJV)

1. People can only see love when we act it out.

Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (NKJV)

B. By helping people restore hope in love.

1. You can help people experience love again by:

a. Extending forgiveness to them.

b. Forgetting something in the past.

c. Inviting a family member or friend, whom we have excluded in the past back into our family gathering or Christmas party.

How can we extend love?

C. By helping people to know perfect love.

1 John 4:8, "God is love." (NKJV)

LOVE AT LEAST "ONE PERSON" THIS CHRISTMAS.