

# Love That Works

Scripture: **1 John 3:16-18**

Series: **Doctrine & Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

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## Overview

This passage helps us to see where true love begins and ends. It is first rooted in Jesus Christ and then finishes by bearing fruit in the lives of others. Jesus' love is not only the perfect example of what love looks like, but it is also the perfect substitution for our loveless lives. Where we have failed to love as God commands, Jesus has perfectly loved. And one of the greatest gospel promises is that Jesus' righteousness (including his perfect love) has been credited to us so that in him we are acceptable to God.

## Discussion Questions

1. What is love rooted in? How does it manifest itself in our lives?
2. Does this kind of love come naturally?
3. Read John 10:11-18. How can we practically follow the example of the Shepherd?
4. Do we have the capacity to love like Christ loved? If you are going to love like Christ what might it cost you? ["real love never does nothing"]
5. Why does verse 18 warn us to not "love in word or talk?"
6. What are ways in which we fail to love in deed? [we expect others to come to us for help—Jesus' example was to "seek and to save the lost"]
7. According to 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 what is one of the reasons Christ died for us?