

# **“Loving As God Would Have”**

## **John 13:34-35**

### Introduction

- I. Unfortunately, many people do not really understand love.
- II. Love is more than a “warm feeling toward another”.
- III. At times, people have tried to define love based on their standards, and not God's.

### Discussion

- I. Learning to love is of extreme importance.
  - A. “Love God” (Matt. 22:37-38).
  - B. “Love your brethren” (John 13:34-35; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:8; 1 John 4:7-12).
  - C. “Love your enemies” (Matt. 5:43-48; Rom. 12:17-21).
  - D. Love is the “bond of perfectness” (Col. 3:14).
  - E. Love never fails and endures (1 Cor. 13:7, 13).
- II. Our love should dictate our actions.
  - A. How much do we truly love God (John 14:15)?
  - B. How much do we truly love our brethren (James 2:15-16; 1 John 4:20-21)?
  - C. How much do we truly love our enemies (Mark 16:15; Gal. 6:10)?
  - D. How mature have we spiritually grown (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Matt. 5:41)?
  - E. Do we quit/“give up” because of hardness (Luke 9:62)?
  - F. Love should motivate us to forgive (1 Pet. 4:8; Prov. 17:9).
  - G. Love should lead us to be better spouses (Eph. 5:28-28, 33; Titus 2:4).

### Conclusion

- I. Love is a wonderful part of the life of a Christian.
- II. We should never forget why we should love (1 John 4:10).