

Week 1: Living as an Example of Christ's Love

Speaker: Cheryl Smith

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:34–35)

Christ's Love in the Home

- God is Love (1 John 4:8)
- Build your home on God's foundation; keep Him at the center.
- "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25).
- Love in the home must reflect Christ's love — sacrificial, patient, and forgiving.

Christ's Love in the Community

- "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14–16).
- The community sees Jesus when we live His love.
- True love is always love in action.

Let Love Shine Bright!

- Love through action, not just words (1 John 3:18).
- Forgive freely and often (Colossians 3:13).
- Practice humility and patience (Philippians 2:3).
- Be a Peacemaker (Matthew 5:9; Psalm 37:11).
- Love in communication (1 Corinthians 1:10).
- Serve without seeking recognition (Matthew 20:26–27).
- Be consistent in character (Matthew 5:16).
- Prioritize relationships over rules (Galatians 5:14).

Let Love Be the Legacy

- "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." (John 13:1)
- Christ's love is not just a message we speak — it is a life we live.
- "Above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Colossians 3:14).
- To live as an example of Christ's love is to live as His true disciple.

Closing Thought:

Don't just carry the message of Christ's love — be the message. Let your home be Christ-centered, your words full of grace, and your life the testimony that points others to Him.

Things to Think About

- In your home, what is the "loudest testimony" your family hears — complaints, frustration, or encouragement?
- If your neighbors described your family, would love be one of their words? Are you displaying love on a regular basis?
- When people look at your life, do they see Christ's love or just your personality?
- Are you passing on a legacy of love?

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We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their...

Psalms 78:4-7

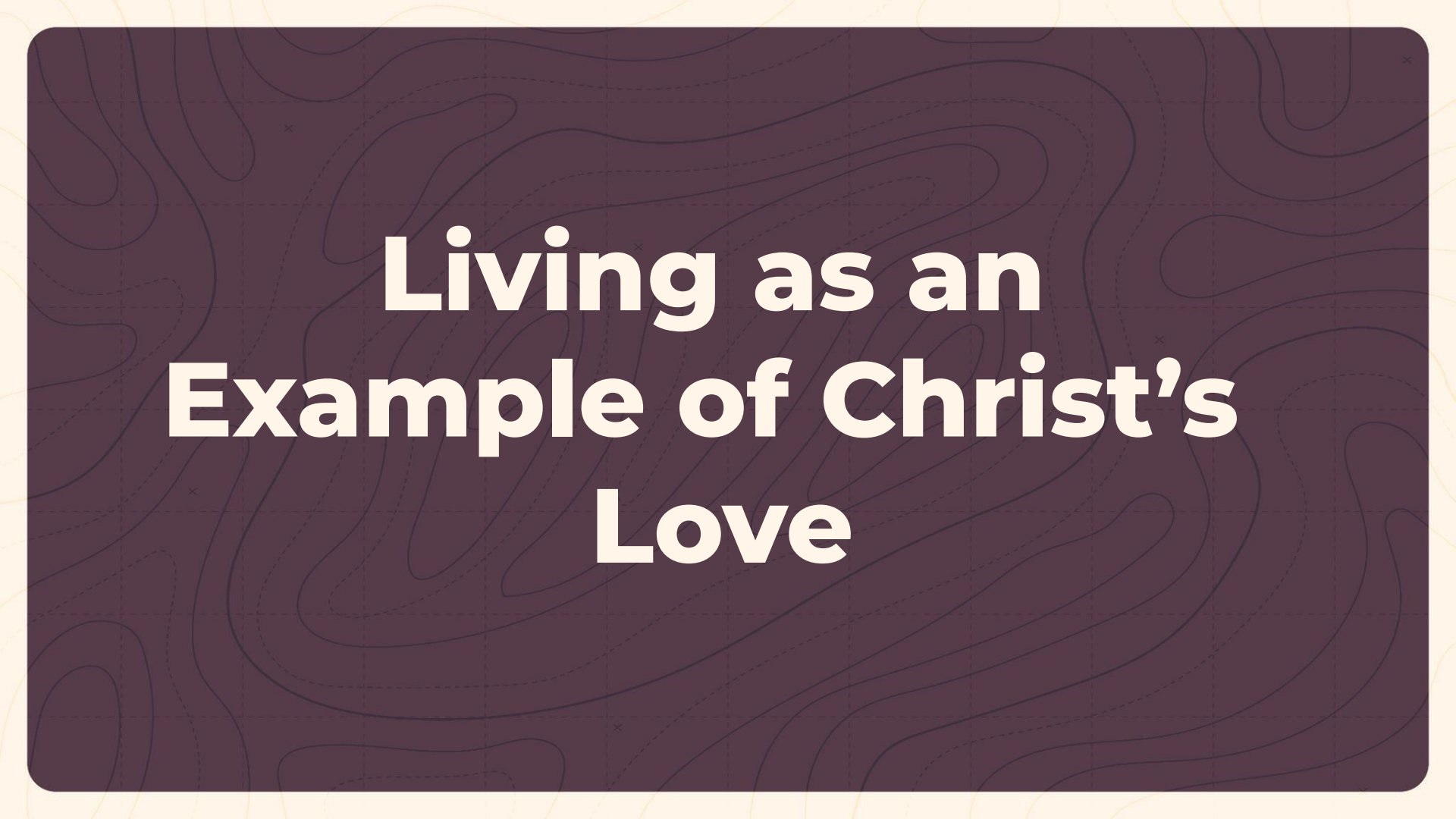
children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

Psalms 78:4-7 (continued)

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Christ's Love in the Home

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Ephesians 5:25

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Love through Action, not just words

- 1 John 3:18 “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”
- Practical acts of love are more than words

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Forgive freely and often

- Colossians 3:13 “Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”
- Forgiveness is one of clearest ways we reflect Christ’s love

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Practice humility and patience

- Philippians 2:3 “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”

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Be a Peacemaker

- Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”
- Psalm 37:11 “But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

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Love in communication

- 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Practical acts of love are more than words

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Serve without seeking recognition

- Matthew 20:26-27
- We reflect His love when we serve quietly and joyfully.

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Be consistent in character

- Matthew 5:16 “Let your light; so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
- Be authentic and trustworthy. Live with integrity.

Prioritize relationships over rules

- Galatians 5:14 “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”
- Love is not earned - it's extended unconditionally.

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Let love be the legacy

- John 13:1
- Christ's love isn't just a message we speak - it's a life we live
- Colossians 3:14

Discussion Questions:

- Is there anyone else who has had to overcome the challenge of “I’m not a people person” and can testify how God has used them?

Discussion Questions:

- In your home, what is one change you can make this week to better reflect Christ's love? Or is there a change that you have already made that has impacted the love of God in your home?

Discussion Questions:

- In your church, how can you help build unity and not division?

Discussion Questions:

- In your community, what act of love will you commit to showing this month?

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