

“Love-A Christian's Identity”

John 15:9-13

Introduction

- I. The one thing that should help to identify a Christian is love.
- II. As a child of God, do I strive exhibit the characteristics of love (1 Cor. 13:4-8).

Discussion

- I. Do I show God that I love Him?
 - A. Do I follow the example of Jesus (John 15:13).
 - B. I must obey the greatest commandment (Matt. 22:37ff.).
 - C. Am I obeying God's Word (John 14:15).
 - D. By showing love toward God, I can influence others to do the same (Phil.1:12-14; cf. 2 Tim. 4:1-5).
- II. Do I show my brethren that I love them?
 - A. We should never forget that we are family (Eph. 2:19-22; Gal. 6:10).
 - B. When we love one another as we should, we will let the world know that we are Christ's (John 13:34-35).
 - C. Our love must be active toward one another (1 John 4:19-20; cf. 1 John 3:16-17).
- III. Do I show the lost that I love them?
 - A. Jesus cared deeply for the lost (Matt. 9:36; cf. John 15:13).
 - B. We must do our parts to imitate Jesus (2 Cor. 5:9, 20).
 - C. Do they ever hear talk to them about God, the Gospel, the church, etc.?

Conclusion

- I. For a Christian, love is an absolute essential in his life.
- II. Without love, we do not represent properly our God (1 John 4:7-8).