

least that much.

But there's more. In John 15:12, Jesus also commanded His disciples to love one another just as He had loved them. He used the Greek word agape, which signifies an active love that is unconditional, self-sacrificial, and for the good of others. This love is often more of a decision than an emotion. Author David Walls wrote, "We cannot command feelings, but we can command an active determination of our will."

Even when we don't feel love for someone, if we choose to show love our feelings will usually follow. Let's take the initiative to love our neighbour every day. —JEY

*Lord, teach us the lesson of loving,  
To love as You showed us the way;  
Then help us to love one another—  
For this we most earnestly pray. —Anon.*



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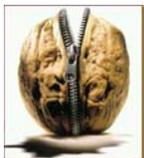
## Love Your Neighbour

**You shall love your neighbour as yourself. —Romans 13:9**

When Jesus commanded the rich young ruler to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 19:19), what did He mean by the words "as yourself"? And what did the apostle Paul mean when he repeated those words in Romans 13:9?

The statement by our Lord and by Paul is not a command to love ourselves more; it's a recognition that most of us already look after our own welfare in reasonable ways. That is, we love ourselves enough to feed and clothe ourselves, to keep a roof over our heads, and to avoid being cheated or injured. In practice, we should love our neighbour at





# Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)  
Deserving Love

Paul deals with three aspects of love in Romans 13:8-10, that will help us to genuinely care for each other:

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ to love, verses 8, 21:1-2, 6, 9-11, 18, 13:1, 7

**(Psalms 37:21)** "The wicked borrows and does not repay, ..."

**(Psalms 37:26)** "He is ever merciful, and lends; ..."

**(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. {35} "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.'"

**(John 15:12)** "'This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

**(John 15:17)** "'These things I command you, that you love one another."

**(1 Thessalonians 4:9)** "But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to



you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;"

**(1 Peter 1:22)** "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,"

**(1 John 4:10-11)** "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. {11} Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."



2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love, verses 8-10, 12:15  
**(Matthew 7:12)** "'Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.'"

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love, verse 10  
**(Proverbs 27:6)** "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, ..."

