

**WALKING IN LOVE – 2**  
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**REVIEW:**

- Every believer is to be a student of the Word.
- Understanding God’s Word is critical to our entire well-being.
- God’s Word is life’s instructional manual.
- God’s Word was made flesh.
- Faith working by love is what really matters in Christ (**GAL. 5:6**).

**CONTINUE:**

**HEB. 12:14-17 KJV, MSG**

Esau Syndrome: trading away God’s lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite. Whatever satisfaction one gets from bitterness or holding unforgiveness can’t compare to what gain one is forfeiting in doing so. Esau lost out totally.

- The woman who was bitter.

**EPH. 5:1-2 HCSB**

If we want our faith to work and our lives to send a sweet-smelling fragrance up to God, then we are to walk in love and love others “even as” Christ loved us.

**JOHN 13:34-35**

The two main commandments of the Old Covenant were to love God and love others as we love ourselves. The new commandment here is that we love others as Jesus loved us. Nothing is said about loving God because that wouldn’t be new. **ROM. 13:8-10** Walking in love fulfills the Mosaic Law.

**JOHN 15:13**

There is no greater love than laying down one’s life. Jesus is love’s model. We are to love as He loved.

**EPH. 3:16-20**

Paul’s prayer reveals to us the boundless dimensions of God’s love.

These dimensions are defined in **JOHN 3:16**.

- 1.) The World = the breadth of God’s love. Every person on Earth.
- 2.) The Incarnation = the length of God’s love. **HEB. 2:14-15 NLT**.
- 3.) The Crucifixion = the depth of God’s love. **ACTS 2:31**
- 4.) The Resurrection = the height of God’s love. **EPH. 2:4-6**

**1 JOHN 3:14-19 NIV**

We owe it to Christ to lay down our lives for the brethren. Not with words, but with actions and truth.

**EZ. 3:18-21 NIV**

- 1.) **1 COR. 5:1-5 HCSB** Paul’s language seems unloving: remove him, don’t associate with him, and turn him over to Satan. But his language is love motivated. First, for him: that he would repent. Second, for the church, so others aren’t influenced by the sinful behavior. Not to address these concerns would be unloving. **2 COR. 2:5-11 NLT, 7:8-11 NLT** The man repented, and they were instructed to forgive and comfort him. Three sorrows are revealed: natural, worldly, and Godly.

- 2.) **GEN. 1:27** God made man two genders – masculine and feminine. Our culture adds common and neuter genders to the list. Common denotes either a male or female, and neuter means neither male nor female. Our identity is found in God. Parents are responsible to teach their children the truth.
- 3.) **PR. :16-19** These seven sins sum up most of the wicked things condemned by God. They deal with the deep motives of the heart: pride, lying, murder, conceiving evil, trouble making, false witnessing and sowing discord.