

**TIRED OF ALL THIS...**  
**Living as People of Love**  
*John 13.35, 1 Corinthians 13.4-7*

Christmas has to do with love:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* John 3.16

Jesus' new command to his disciples:

*"A new command I give you: **Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must **love one another.** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**"* John 13.34-35

Paul sums up all the commandments in the bible:

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to **love one another,** for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments ... are summed up in this one command: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**"* Romans 13.8-9

**WHY IS LOVING OTHERS SO DIFFICULT?**

1. We are **NATURALLY SELFISH.**

2. We often misunderstand **WHAT TRUE LOVE IS.**

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Romans 5.8

3. We try to love **ON OUR OWN.**

*Since we live by the Spirit, **let us keep in step with the Spirit.*** Galatians 5.25

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.**"* John 15.5

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us **power, love and self-discipline.*** 2 Timothy 1.7

**HOW TO LIVE AS PEOPLE OF LOVE**

*(from the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13.4-7)*

*Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.  
Love doesn't strut,  
Love doesn't have a swelled head,  
Love doesn't dishonor others,  
Love isn't always "me first,"  
Love doesn't fly off the handle,  
Love doesn't keep score of the sins of others,  
Love doesn't revel when others grovel,  
Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Love puts up with anything,  
Love trusts God always,  
Love always looks for the best,  
Love never looks back, but keeps going to the end.*

*Do everything in love.* 1 Corinthians 16.14

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**