

One Another (Jesus)

John 15:9–17

Remain in the Love of Christ (9–11) (Vertical)

Explain:

- “As the Father has loved Christ, Christ has loved us” (9)

- Remain in my love (Imperative)

John 15:4–5 “Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.”

- Word is in the imperative form in verse 4 & 9 but appears 11 times in the chapter.
- “If you keep my commands (10)
 - Obedience
 - The surest path to remain in Christ’s love
 - Not to earn his love but to receive the blessing of remaining in His love (Right or wrong fellowship)
 - **Illustration:** Example of Jesus

John 14:15, 21, 23

- Joy (11)
 - The commands are not to bind us or steal our fun but to bring the result of remaining in Christ’s love
 - Joy/Complete Joy
 - Obedience brings joy, disobedience brings discipline, both are products of love

John 10:10 “A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.”

Love One Another (12–17) (Horizontal)

- “Love one another” (12)
 - “As I have loved you” (12)
 - Illustration: “No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.” (13)
 - Who would you die for?
 - Who will you live for?

Romans 5:6–8 “⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 John 3:16–18 “¹⁶ This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has this world’s goods and sees a fellow believer^[i] in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God’s love reside in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.”

- Condition: “If you do what I command you.” (14)
 - Change in relationship (15)
 - Servants/Friends
 - Unknown/Known
 - They had been brought into the “need to know”
 - Chosen for a purpose (16)
 - Chosen
 - Appointed

- To go
 - Produce eternal fruit (16)

John 15:7–8 ⁷ “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.”

John 13:34–35 ³⁴ “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- In as much as our prayers conform to the will of God, we have certainty of receiving what we ask for. (16)
- Love one another (17)

Application:

- Abide/Remain (9) (How)
- Obey (9, 10, 12, 14, 17) (How)
- Walking in Joy (11) (Result)
- Produce Fruit (16) (Result)
 - (What is your fruit? What would you want it be?)

Galatians 5:22–23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.”