

## To Love Each Other

(The Purpose of The Church Series - #4)

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### Review

The Church IS the body of Christ –

“called out” to work His will on earth.

Jesus came to seek and save what was lost.

Jesus lived IN the world, but was never a part OF the world.

### Why “go to church”?

*What the world needs now is love sweet love  
It's the only thing that there's just too little of  
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No, not just for some but for everyone*  
Hal David / Burt Bacharach

As members of the church, we are:

Citizens of a new nation                      1 Peter 2:9

Members of a family                              Eph. 2:19

Building blocks in a holy temple              Eph. 2:21

### The Command of Jesus

*John 13:34*

*A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

## The Example of Jesus

*1 John 3:16*

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*

### Our Purpose

*“Behold how they love one another!”*

Tertullian (writing about early Christians)

*1 John 3:11, 14*

*This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.*

*We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers.*

*John 13:35*

*All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.*

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