

**“Do You Know What Love Is?”**

*-1 John 3:16-18-*

**Introduction:**

- How do you define love? What do you look to as the definition? Do you love like that?

**In 1 John 3:16-18, we learn four lessons about love which guide our interactions with one another.**

**1) Christ’s Love Is the Standard (v. 16a):**

- Christ revealed what love is when He \_\_\_\_\_ His life.
- This love is not just \_\_\_\_\_, but purposeful \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notes:**

**2) Christian Love Is Sacrificial (v. 16b):**

- Christian love is equally ready to \_\_\_\_\_ one’s life.
- Love is wanting and \_\_\_\_\_ what is best for someone else physically, emotionally, and especially spiritually no matter the \_\_\_\_\_ to your life.

**Notes:**

### 3) Counterfeit Love Is Selfish (v. 17):

- Real love does not \_\_\_\_\_ what your brother needs, \_\_\_\_\_ that they need it, and \_\_\_\_\_ to provide it.
- Selfish love is \_\_\_\_\_, but selfless love is from \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Notes:

### 4) Credible Love Is Sincere (v. 18):

- Real love is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to get what you want.
- Real love supports truthful \_\_\_\_\_ with truthful \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Notes:

#### Conclusion:

- How are you loving fellow Christians like Jesus Christ?
- How are you laying down your life to meet their greatest needs?
- How are your loving words supported by loving actions?
- How can we grow to take our eyes and focus off of ourselves and put them on others?

*"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."*

-- 1 John 5:13