

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Gen. 2:17; 3:1–6; Exod. 20:13; Ps. 51:10; Prov. 10:12; Matt. 5:21–22; 27:46; 28:1–6; Mark 15:34; 16:1–6; Luke 24:1–7; John 3:16; 10:10; 13:34–35; 14:6; 15:4–5,7,18; 16:8; 20:1–18; Acts 2:38; Rom. 3:23; 5:8; 8:10; 1 Cor. 11:19; 15:22; 2 Cor. 5:21; 10:5; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 1:7; 2:1; 4:1–2; Phil. 2:5–8; Col. 2:9; 1 Pet. 1:22

Reflection & Discussion

1. Beginning in verse 10 (and through the rest of his letter), John emphasizes *loving one another*.
 - a. What passages in the Bible call upon God’s people to love on another?
 - b. How is loving Christians *different* than our call to love non-Christians?

2. Consider and discuss John’s use of ‘extreme’ language in verses 14 and 15:
 - a. Loving one-another demonstrates “life”; *not* doing so shows that we are “murderers”! What does John want believers to understand?

3. In verse 16, John points to Jesus’ sacrificial death as the ultimate example of loving others.
 - a. Consider and discuss the finished work of Christ on the cross (what makes it that *ultimate example* of love? How do I *emulate* such love? ...etc.)