How to know I am a disciple

Matthew 10:24---Become like teacher

Luke 14:26---"Hate" family, carry cross

Luke 14:33---Give up possessions

John 8:31---Continue in the Word

How to know I am a disciple

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35

The significance and importance of love

This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you...This I command you, that you love one another.

John 15:12,17

This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

1 John 3:23

The significance and importance of love

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

1 John 3:14

The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love...Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:8,11

The significance and to fulfill this command importance of love

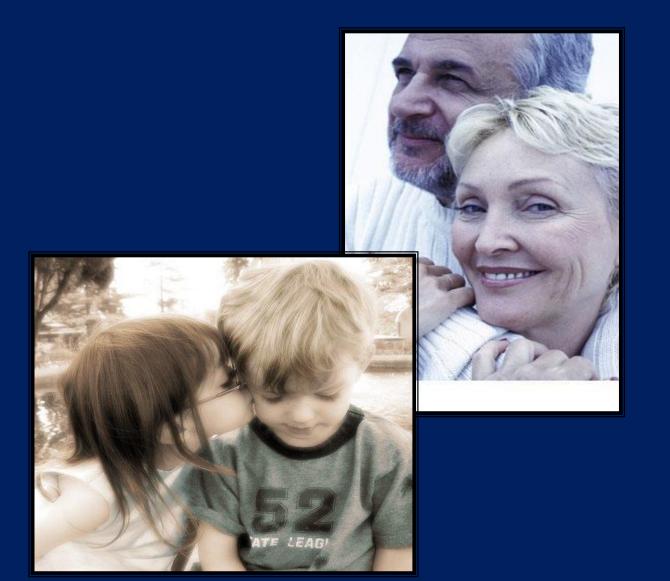
Our concept, definition of love must be accurate if we are to fulfill this command

Need to understand what love is and is not

What the "love" of our text is not.

Natural---Easy---Untaught

What the "love" of our text is not.



What the "love" of our text <u>is</u>.

The best definitions of Bible words is often found in the Bible text, not in Greek and Hebrew lexicons, dictionaries.

What the "love" of our text <u>is</u>.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. Jo. 3:16 (Eph. 5:2; 1 Jo. 3:16; 4:9)

For God so loved

Love is...

the world,

For those who don't love us

What is the "love" of our text?

that He gave

Sacrificing

His only begotten Son,

That which has value

that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. So the object of our love might be made better

Love is...

For those who don't love us

Love demonstrated 1 John 3:18; 1 Peter 1:22

What is the "love" of our text?

Sacrificing

That which has value

So the object of our love might be made better

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth...Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

Love is...

For those who don't love us

Marriage

What is the "love" of our text?

Sacrificing

Children

That which has value

Brethren

So the object of our love might be made better