**“Love One Another” Outline Pt. 1 of “Reciprocal Living Series”**

**I. Intro:** What was it that so drew people to Jesus?

**II. The Deep Love of our Lord:**

**A. Jesus came into the world to reveal the love of God**. Seen in His face, felt in His touch, and heard in His voice. His friendship was unlike any friendship anyone had ever seen before.

**B. His love becomes ours**: We’re called love each other as believers and the lost. Acts 1:8:

**C. Inward and outward strength:** God intends that we as the church fulfill our mission to love one another and all mankind. Without an inner strength and unity, we won't be able to support our outward focus.

**III. The One-another Commands:** A. 59 NT references. Rom 12:10,16, 15:7, Col. 3:16, Eph 4:2,1 Th 5:11

**IV. Love One Another: Foundation for Everything:**

**A.** 3 NT authors, 4 books, repeated 9 times.

**B. Jesus’s Mandate: No love no true family:** We can’t be a “one another church” without love. John 13:34-35

**C. The Greatest Commandment:** Matthew 22:36-40 All Scripture teaches hangs on these 2 commands.

**D. “The Final Apologetic”:** Jn. 17:18-21 The sobering bottom line: ”Father, if the world does not see the love they have for one another, to show you sent me, if they are divided and unloving towards one another, then the world will not believe you sent me.”

**V. How Should we Then Love”?**

**A. Not abstract but concrete, visible**

**B. Not About Emotions:** The love Jesus commands is not a feeling. We can't love based just on our feeling and jesus says "you don't have to".

**C. Jesus Loves Others Through Us:**

**1. Love is a Choice:** Not how I feel about you, but how I treat you, not what you can do for me, but what I can do for you.

**2. It’s for the Here and Now:** Lovingothers doesn't begin in eternity, it begins here and now.

**3. Jesus’s Love is our Standard:** "..as I have loved you, so you must love one another"

**V. The Thing Called Love:**

**A. A Selfless Love:** "Agape" a giving love that acts on behalf of another.

**B. A Forgiving Love:** Eph. 4:32 “Be kind…. to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

**C. A Sacrificial Love:** Mark 10:45 - "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**VI. Let’s Get Used to Different**