

The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

LOVE

**How to love God above all else, and love others
as well as yourself.**

BASED ON MARK 12:28-34

WHAT IS LOVE?

אהבה Hebrew

The word for love is derived from or similar to the word meaning 'to give'.

Greek

There is more than one word to describe love – love is contextual.

English

Oxford & Cambridge dictionaries describe love as a noun; a feeling.

Bible

Love is a verb; an action word.

WHAT IS LOVE?

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

LOVE IS . . .

- Patient
- Kind
- Rejoicing with truth
- Protecting
- Trusting
- Hopeful
- Persevering

LOVE IS NOT . . .

- Quick to anger
- Envious
- Boastful
- Proud
- Self-seeking
- Keeping records of wrong
- Dishonouring others

LOVE GOD

- Joshua 22:5 – obedience to God, follow his commands, and serve him fully
- James 1:12 – keep going when things get hard
- 1 John 4:7-21 – acknowledge the trinity of God, Jesus, & Holy Spirit
- Rely on the love of God, because God is love

LOVE OTHERS

- Leviticus 18:19 – forgive others and move on
- 1 John 3:16-18 – love others with actions, not just words
- Hebrews 10:24-25 – fellowship and community
- Luke 15:11-32 – the prodigal son; confessing sins, and forgiveness in action

LOVE SELF

- Psalm 139:14 – you are made in the image of God
- Luke 12:17 – you are more valuable than sparrows
- Romans 8:28 – believe in God’s plan to prosper you.

THE CHALLENGE

- Look for ways to love God first – obedience, listening, praying, waiting . . .
- It is easy to love those that we like
- Who is God speaking to you about loving more
- Ask God, then look for opportunities and say yes!
- Accept you are a loved child of God
- **BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE**

