

Love Like JESUS | 1 John 4:7-21

*This week, there has been love in the air.*

*Many are celebrating Valentine's Day by expressing their love to that special person in their lives.*

*Television & radio commercials have ran advertisements in the airwaves – announcing that love is in the air.*

*JESUS was raised up on a cross & displayed as the sacrifice for the world – and on that Friday, while nailed to a cross between two thieves – love was surely – in the air.*

*We all express our love for that special person in our lives, but do we love strangers?*

*Do we love those who have wronged us?*

*Do we love those who have hurt us, betrayed us?*

**Romans 5:8 ~ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

*Do we even love our friends with the love of CHRIST?*

**John 15:13 ~ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

*Are we willing to die for those we love?*

*Today, I believe that GOD wants us to “Love Like JESUS”.*

**1 John 4:7-21**

*Sure, we may never reach the pinnacle where JESUS is, but we can sure strive to “Love Like JESUS”.*

**1. LOVE IN THE SPIRIT**

✝ **1 John 4:13 ~ Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.**

*We can “Love Like JESUS” when we love others in the SPIRIT.*



## 2. LOVE WITH BOLDNESS

✝ 1 John 4:17 ~ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

*Don't be ashamed to "Love Like JESUS" – love those around you with confidence.*

## 3. LOVE FEARLESS

✝ 1 John 4:18 ~ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

*Don't let fear keep you from loving others. There is nothing to be afraid of!*

## 4. LOVE IN TRUTH

✝ 1 John 4:20 ~ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

*A relationship that will "Love Like JESUS" will not be built on lies.*

*You may encounter evil spirits, but "Love Like JESUS" & walk in the spirit.*

*You may question the love of others, but "Love Like JESUS" & do so with boldness.*

*You may not know how others feel about you, but "Love Like JESUS" & do so without fear.*

*You may not trust the love of others, but "Love Like JESUS" & abide in truth.*

*When others offend you – "Love Like JESUS".*

*When others abandon you – "Love Like JESUS".*

*When others can't be trusted – "Love Like JESUS".*

*When others are not dependable – "Love Like JESUS".*

John 13:34 ~ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

*This week, let's strive to "Love Like JESUS".*

