



The Key that Unlocks Relationships

John 15:9-17

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The Big Idea: When you base your identity on the fact that Christ loves you, you will be empowered to obey him and to love the unlovable.

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9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Three concepts in this passage that describe biblical love:

Identity: You are loved. (9)

Obedience: You can stay in love. (10-11)

Love for Others: You don't have an option. (12-13)