

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Love

- ▶ A profoundly tender affection for another person
- ▶ A feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child, or friend
- ▶ Affectionate concern for the well-being of others

WHAT IS LOVE?

- ▶ It is a fruit of the Spirit
 - ▶ Gal 5:22-23
- ▶ It is the 2 greatest commands
 - ▶ Matt 22:34-40
- ▶ Paul expresses the need for it
 - ▶ 1 Cor 13

DO WE NEED LOVE?

- ▶ Love For God
- ▶ Brotherly Love
- ▶ Neighborly Love
- ▶ Love For Your Enemies

DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOVE

- ▶ What is this type of love?
 - ▶ It starts with God's love for us John 3:16-17
 - ▶ Then with what our response should be Matt 22:37
 - ▶ If we truly love God we will keep his commandments John 14:15-21
- ▶ Examples:
 - ▶ Paul Phil 3:1-11
- ▶ Contrast:
 - ▶ Saul 1 Sam 15:1-13

LOVE FOR GOD

- ▶ What is this type of love?
 - ▶ The love you have for fellow brethren John 13:34-35
- ▶ Examples:
 - ▶ Paul 2 Cor 2:1-11
- ▶ Contrast:
 - ▶ The brethren James writes to James 4:1-12

BROTHERLY LOVE

- ▶ What is this type of love?
 - ▶ General care and compassion for those around us Matt 25:31-46
- ▶ Examples:
 - ▶ The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
- ▶ Contrast:
 - ▶ The Levite and the priest Luke 10:30-32

NEIGHBORLY LOVE

- ▶ What is this type of love?
 - ▶ Care for your enemies Luke 6:27-36
 - ▶ Praying for your enemies v28, Matt 5:43-48
- ▶ Examples:
 - ▶ Jesus Luke 23:32-34
 - ▶ Stephen Acts 7:54-60
- ▶ Contrast:
 - ▶ The Pharisees Matt 12:9-14

LOVE FOR YOUR ENEMIES