

# THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Love

# What is Love?

- \* **Agape** - Affection, good-will, benevolence
  - \* Action (John 3:16)
  - \* Sacrifice (John 15:13)

# What is Love?

- \* Longsuffering
- \* Kind
- \* Doesn't envy
- \* Doesn't parade itself
- \* Is not puffed up
- \* Doesn't behave rudely
- \* Doesn't seek its own
- \* Isn't provoked
- \* Thinks no evil
- \* Doesn't rejoice in iniquity
- \* Rejoices in the truth
- \* Bears all things
- \* Believes all things
- \* Hopes all things

# What is Love?

- \* **1 John 4:8** - God is Love
  - \* Everything God does is done out of love
  - \* He is infinite in love
- \* **1 John 4:8** - He who does not love does not know God

# 1. Love Your God

- \* **Matthew 22:36-38** - The Greatest Commandment
- \* But how do I love God?
  - \* First attractions
  - \* Enduring reasons
- \* What do I do if I love God?
  - \* Grow your relationship with Him
  - \* Love others

# 2. Love Your Neighbor

- \* **Matthew 22:39** - Second Greatest Command
- \* How do I love them and who is my neighbor?
  - \* Showing mercy and compassion
  - \* Anyone who's path we cross
  - \* That includes our brethren!

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