Remaining Means Loving
John 15:12-17

A most misunderstood word …

_____ in His love. (John 15:9)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

We *abide* in His love by *knowing* His love, *trusting* His goodness, *obeying* His commands, and *enjoying* His fellowship.

Love as you are _____. (v. 12)

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

To love is the _____ and _____ of Jesus' teachings.
Matthew 22:37-40; Galatians 5:14

Jesus' love is the _____ of the love we are commanded to give others.
1 John 4:11-12, 19

The better we 'abide' in His love, the better we are able to love others.

How are we loved? (vv. 13-16)

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us … (1 John 3:16)

His love for us is _____ (v. 13).
He willingly gives His very life to secure our salvation.

His love for us is _____ (vv. 14-15).
He brings us into friendship with Himself and reveals the Father to us.

His love for us is _____ (v. 16a).
He takes the initiative, choosing us by sovereign grace.

His love for us is _____ (v. 16b).
He appoints us to lives of joyful, spiritual significance.

Therefore, love as you are loved. (v. 17)

1. Love _____.
What is your love costing you?

2. Love _____ …
Who are you close enough to love well?

3. Love _____…
Who are you waiting on to make the first move?

4. Love _____ …
Are you seeking the eternal good of those you love?

If you are abiding in Christ and His love, you will love others as He has loved you.

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