**GIVING LIFE TO LIVING SERIES**

**“All You Need is Love”**

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**Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before.**  **1 John 2:7**

1. **Love everyone and your deepest needs will be satisfied**.

**Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. 1 John 2:15-17**

* **You won’t get your deepest needs met in physical pleasure because you are more than just a body/**
* **You won’t get your deepest needs met in everything you see because you need an invisible “something”/**
* **You won’t get your deepest needs met in what you achieve or possess because it all fades away**.

**Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. 8 Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. I John 2:7-8**

1. **You can’t make your soul love another person but Jesus can teach you to love.**

**Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.** **Matthew 11:28-29.**

**9 If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a Christian brother or sister,[[a](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John%202:7-17&version=NLT" \l "fen-NLT-30520a" \o "See footnote a)] that person is still living in darkness. 10 Anyone who loves another brother or sister[**[**b**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John%202:7-17&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30521b)**] is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. 11 But anyone who hates another brother or sister is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness. 1 John 2:9-11**

* **When we give in to hatred in whatever form we lose our way.**

**12 I am writing to you who are God’s children
because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.[[c](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John%202:7-17&version=NLT" \l "fen-NLT-30523c" \o "See footnote c)]
13 I am writing to you who are mature in the faith[**[**d**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John%202:7-17&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30524d)**]
because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning.
I am writing to you who are young in the faith
because you have won your battle with the evil one.
14 I have written to you who are God’s children
because you know the Father.
I have written to you who are mature in the faith
because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning.
I have written to you who are young in the faith
because you are strong.
God’s word lives in your hearts,
and you have won your battle with the evil one. 1 John 2:12-14**

1. **God wants a love relationship with you that will satisfy your deepest needs.**

**Prayer: Dear God, I have been trying to fill my needs with physical pleasure, through what I own or my own achievements. It does not work. I want your love to fill my soul. It is you that I really crave. I know that only in you I can find real love and happiness. Teach me to love like Jesus. Help me to love others in the way you want me to. Amen**