

Remain In My Love

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(Noted from member of congregation)

Jn 15:9-17 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept 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: to lay down one’s life for one’s 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 so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other”

1. Remain in my Love Jn 15:9-10

Jesus was active in 40 days after resurrection **Acts 1:3** “He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.”

New Season for disciples

- Season of Mission
- Required courage and endurance
- While here Jesus strengthened disciples faith
- Ensured they remained strong and faithful for pentecost
- Not command to work harder but to accept and remain. “Now remain in my love..”

Not earns love but keeps us connected to lover. **Rom8:38-9** “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to **separate us** from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Cut branch does not appear dead instantly - Likewise we drift. Job, Things

*Must stay anchored or end up on rocks - **Jude 21** “**keep yourselves** in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.”*

Daily Choice **Ps 91:1** “Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”

Dwell brings peace and rest

God's love is constant but we need to remain in His love – Chose to stay close.

Put Him first give Him higher priority.

Choose to trust

Jesus loves not because we are perfect but because we are His.

2. Love one another

John 15:12–13 *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.”*

Command not suggestion

1 John 4:11 *“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”*

Love we receive becomes the love we give

Honour ANZACS - Sacrificial love

Jesus ultimate in laid down life for world

(Niue Island (Ps David's home) contributed soldiers to ANZACS)

Give even when unseen and costs – daily – listening ear, heart of grace

3. Bears fruit that remains

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Not private love but love that acts and produces – is a doing word

Serve – more than talk or intention - Serving is ministry

God sees outsiders

When we show up we step into purpose

1 John 3:18 *“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”*

Matt 5:16 *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*