

# 15 Love One Another

Chapter John 13:34–35, 1 John 4:7–21

## Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that the friendship between the brothers and sisters is precious and valuable.

2. To understand that the Lord may be revealed when the brothers and sisters love one another.

Open Your Heart



1. Write down the name of a brother or a sister whom you love the most.

2. Write down three reasons why you like your brothers and sisters more than your gentile friends.

a.

b.

c.



## Understanding Today's Lesson

On the night before the Lord was crucified, He gave a new commandment to his disciples: "love one another as I have loved you." The members of the body love one another. When you have a splinter in your foot, your eyes quickly look towards the injury and your hands remove the splinter and massage that area. Your mouth may cry out for help saying, "Ouch!" The whole body moves according to the instructions that it receives from the head. Likewise, it is only natural for the members of the body to love one another.

We who have received salvation are the members of the church, which is the body of Christ. It is natural for us to love our brothers and sisters as our own body. By doing so, we can testify to the world that we are one body.

However, there are times when disputes arise in the fellowship and break this love. These disputes are the wiles that Satan uses to divide the brothers and sisters in the church and the body of Christ. When brothers and sisters engage in conflict, it becomes mockery for the unbelievers and an obstacle towards their salvation. Even those who have received salvation are capable of sinning against their neighbors due to their sinful nature. However, we must always remember that the Lord has unconditionally forgiven our sins and has made us His children. This is what allows us to cover the transgressions of others. Also, if you truly love someone, it is only right that you sacrifice for that person. You cannot love someone while holding onto your own desires. The Lord has given us His all because He loved us. What are you giving to the brothers and sisters?

Notes:

## Memorizing Bible Verses



Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

(1 John 4:7~8)



## Meditate

# On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(John 13:34–35)

(Galatians 5:13–15)

(1 John 3:14–19)



## Changing

# Directions

Read 1 John 4:7–21 and answer the following questions.

1. Verse 8 says that "God is love." If this is the case, why do sin, pain, and sorrow still exist in this world that God has created and is taking care of?

2. What is the greatest evidence that helps us believe that God is love? Read verses 9–10, and write down a summary.

3. How could a Christian, who believes that God is love, manifest his faith? Read verses 11–12, 20–21, and write down a summary.

4. According to verse 18, "fear" and "love" cannot coexist. If we are captured by the thought that God might judge our sins, then we will always be daunted by all things. This is why God wants us to be assured of His love. Are you sure about the love of God? If so, then write down when you received such assurance.



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

1.)

2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

## To Live According to the Word

As Christians who believe in the love of the Lord, let us ask for help to obey the commandment of the Lord to love one another. Let us determine to not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and truth.



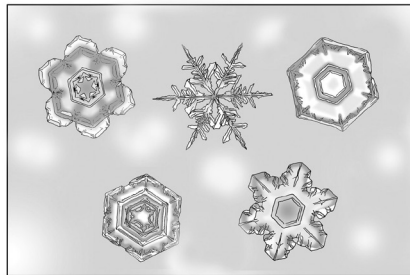
# Our Story

## The Wisdom Inside the Creation of Snowflakes



There is snow falling from the sky.

Should we take a closer look at the snow? If you look at snowflakes through a microscope, you are able to tell that they are a hexagonal shape. However, as we all look different, every snowflake is different, and no two snowflakes that are identical have ever been discovered.



God reveals His wisdom even through these small things. Even though these snowflakes may look similar, they are all different. The surprising and infinite wisdom of God is contained in each of the snowflakes that he designed Himself.

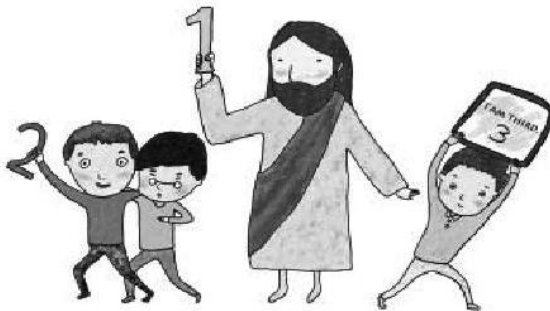
Likewise, we are living in the midst of infallible proofs of God's existence. **God's creation is the evidence of His existence.**

**For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse (Romans 1:20)**

## I Am Third

There once was a college student who was excellent in both academics and sports. He was praised and loved by his friends and his professors because he was faithful in all the things that were given to him. He also tried his best to help other students who were struggling. His parents sent him delicious fruits after the harvest, and he invited his friends over so that he could share the fruits with them. His friends came and saw an odd frame hanging on his desk. Usually, a picture or a famous quote is in a frame, but his frame only had a short phrase that said, "I am third." His friends curiously looked at him and the frame and asked him, "What does that mean?" The student replied,

"Everyone in my family is a Christian. My parents work hard on the farm so that I can study. When I first came here for school, my mother gave me the frame as a gift for getting accepted into this school. She told me to put the frame on my desk and inscribe the phrase in my heart wherever I go and whatever I do. Ever since then, that phrase has led me wherever I go or whatever I do. My mother told me that 'God is first, your neighbors second, and you third.'"





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