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## Beginning Love - Part 2

1 John 3:11, “This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.”

Yesterday, we learned that the love we are to have for one another comes directly from God Himself. He is the beginning. He is the only source for true love. It is not something that anyone can manufacture on their own. It can only come from the Creator of all good things. James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows. Hence, the source, the fountain is God and Him alone. We cannot possibly love unless it comes directly from Him. You might wonder how you can obtain that love from God and the answer is that everyone can receive it. There is not one person that God created that He would withhold His amazing love from. He gives it freely to all. Will you accept it? God so loved the world that He gave....

So we have established that the only source of love, true and complete love, is God Himself. You cannot receive it from Amazon. You can't buy it at Wal-Mart. It comes from God alone. And John says, this is a 'cause and effect' statement: We should love one another. In other words, John states that since we have received such a great message of love through Jesus Christ our Lord, it should cause us to love each other. In fact the Greek phrase here carries the context that we are 'compelled' to love each other.

If you find it hard to love others, then go back to the source of all love; God Himself. When you experience His love, it will compel you to love others as well. It will not depend on how you feel about someone else, it will depend on the fact that God loves you because that is Who He Is! Then, and only then, can you give that love away to everyone!

Dear Father, I tell You again today that I'm so grateful for Your great love. I see it every day. I sense it in the way You show me Your love by taking care of Your children. You give and You give. You are life; You are love; You are Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen