

THE SHAPE OF LOVE: THE CROSS

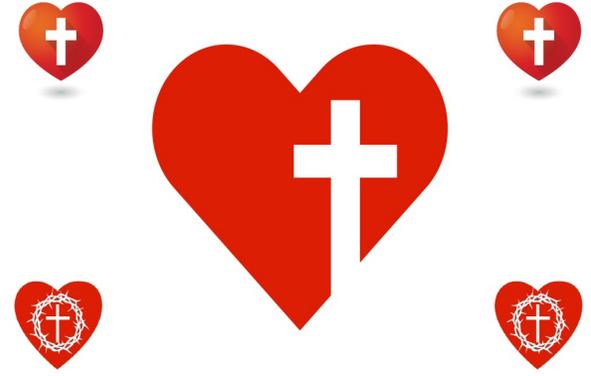
JOHN 15:9-14 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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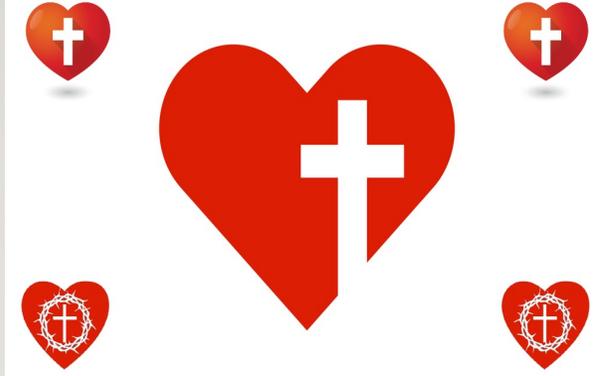
LOVE
LOVE OTHERS
DO GOD

LOVE: A WATERED-DOWN WORD





IF YOU LOVE ME...

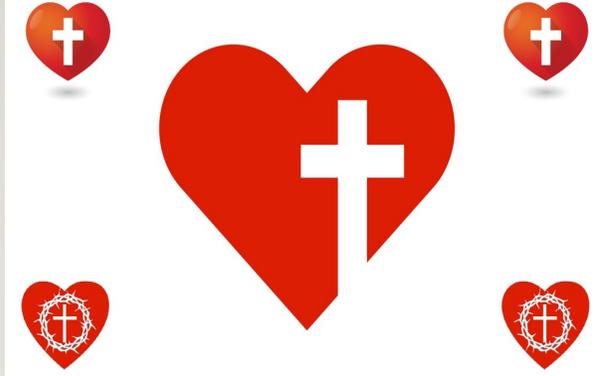


15 Then she [Delilah] said to him, “How can you say, ‘**I love you,**’ when you **won’t confide in me**? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven’t told me the secret of your great strength.”

16 With such **nagging** she prodded him day after day until he was **sick to death of it**. (Jdg 16:15-16, NIV)



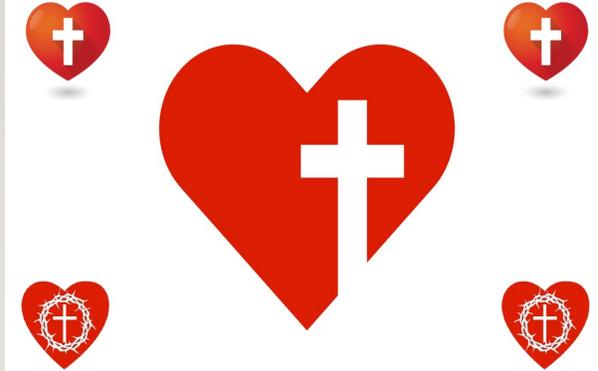
THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS: LOVE



35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:
36 “Teacher, which is the **greatest commandment** in the Law?” 37 Jesus
replied: “ ‘**Love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.’ [Dt 6:5] 38 This is the **first** and **greatest**
commandment. 39 And the **second** is like it: ‘**Love** your neighbor as
yourself.’ [Lev 19:18] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these **two**
commandments.” (Mt 22:35-40, NIV)



CONTEXT: VINE AND BRANCHES

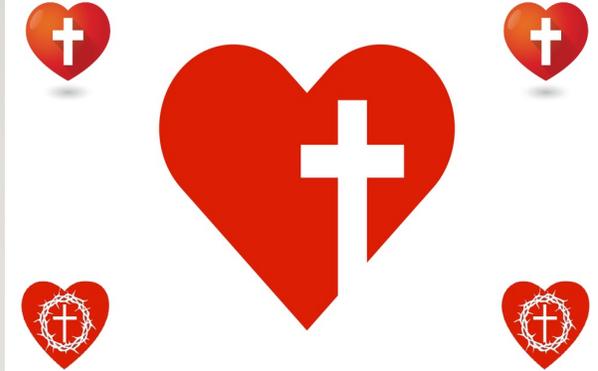


1 I am the Vine – the True [Vine] – and my Father is the Vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not produce fruit He takes away. And every [branch] that does produce fruit, He prunes to clean so that it will produce more. 3 Already, you are clean on account of the word I have spoken to you. (Jn 15:1-3, AT)





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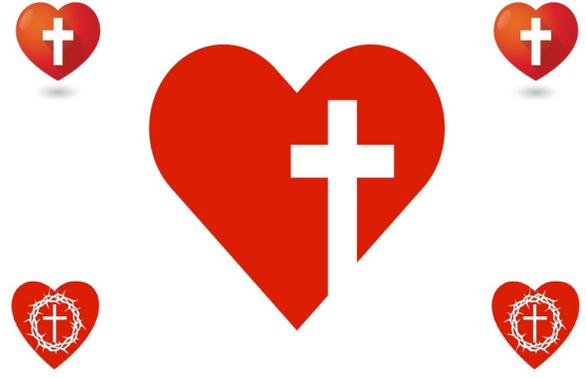


4 **Remain** in Me and I [will] in you. Just as the branch is unable to produce fruit by itself if it does not **remain** in the vine, in the same way, neither [are] you if you do not **remain** in Me. 5 I am the Vine, you are the branches. The one who **remains** in Me and I in them, this person produces much fruit because without me you are unable to do anything. 6 If anyone does not **remain** in Me, they are thrown outside like a branch and are dried up. And [people] gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned up. (Jn 15:4-6, AT)





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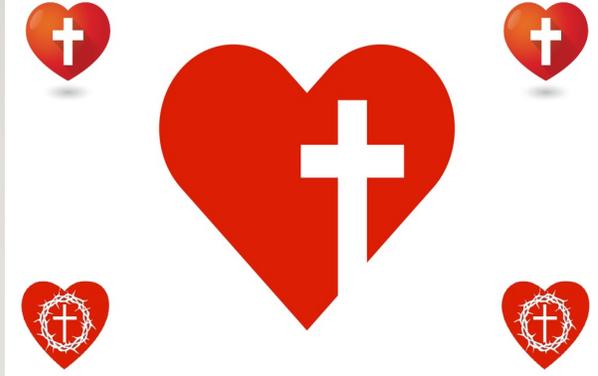
7 If you **remain** in Me and my words **remain** in you, ask for whatever you desire, and it will be done for you. 8 In this, my Father is glorified: that you may bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

(Jn 15:7-8, AT)





JOHN 15:9
LOVED PEOPLE
LOVE PEOPLE

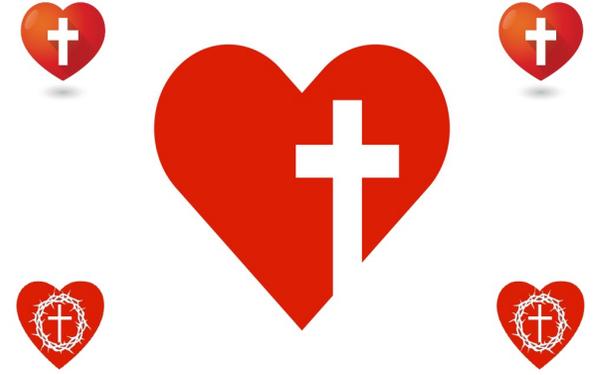


As the Father has loved me, so I
have loved you. **Remain** in my
love. (Jn 15:9, AT)





JOHN 15:10
DO AS I SAY,
DO AS I DO

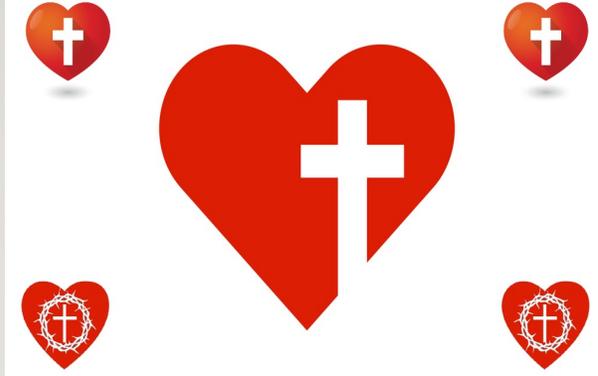


If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, as I have kept the commands of My Father and remain in His love (Jn 15:10, AT)





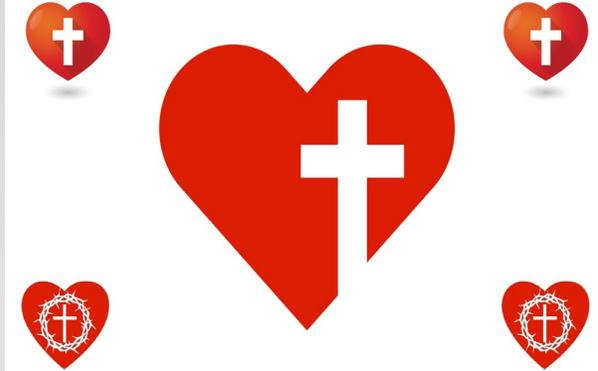
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- “My **food**,” said Jesus, “is to **do the will of him who sent me** and to finish his work.” (Jn 4:34, NIV)
- For I have come down from heaven **not to do my will** but to do **the will of him who sent me**. (Jn 6:38, NIV)
- 30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world [Satan] is coming. He has no hold over me, 31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I **love** the Father and **do exactly what my Father has commanded me**. Come now; let us leave.” (Jn 14:30-31, NIV)



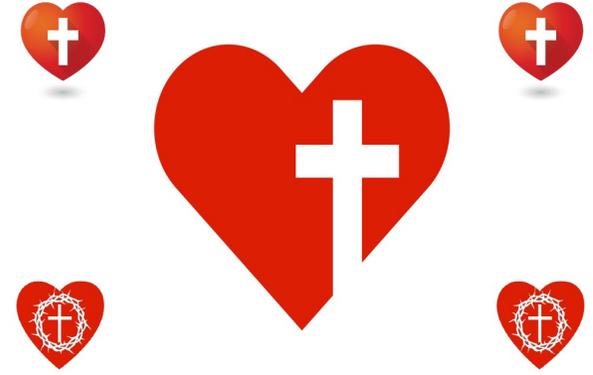
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- Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you **remain in my word**, truly you are my disciples." (Jn 8:31, AT)
- "If you **love me, keep my commands.**" (Jn 14:15, NIV)
- Whoever has my commands and **keeps them** is the one who **loves me**. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."
(Jn 14:21, NIV)



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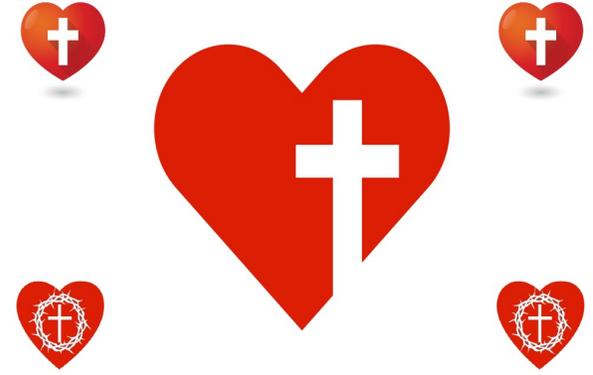


23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who **loves me** will **obey my teaching**. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does **not love me** will **not obey my teaching**. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. (Jn 14:23-24, NIV)





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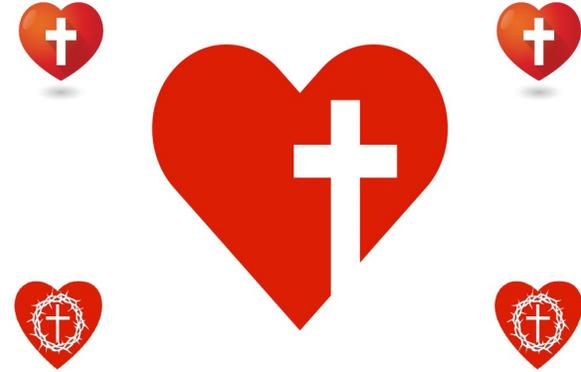


- It [love] **does not rejoice on account of unrighteousness**, but rejoices with the truth.
(1 Cor 13:6, AT)
- **Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.** (Rom 12:9, NIV)





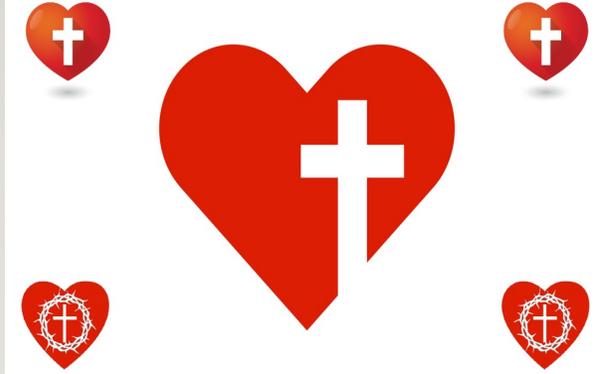
JOHN 15:10
HE FIRST LOVED US



- But God **demonstrates** his own **love** for us in this: While we were **still sinners**, **Christ died for us.** (Rom 5:8, NIV)
- For, in this way, God **loved** the world: that He gave the one-of-a-kind Son, so that everyone who [continually] believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (Jn 3:16, AT)



JOHN 15:10
FOR YOUR OWN
GOOD

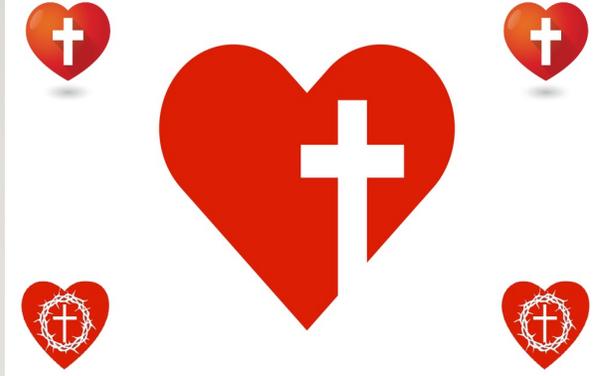


28 And we know that in all things **God works for the good of those who love him**, who have been called **according to his purpose**. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.
(Rom 8:28-29, NIV)





JOHN 15:11
JOY-FULL

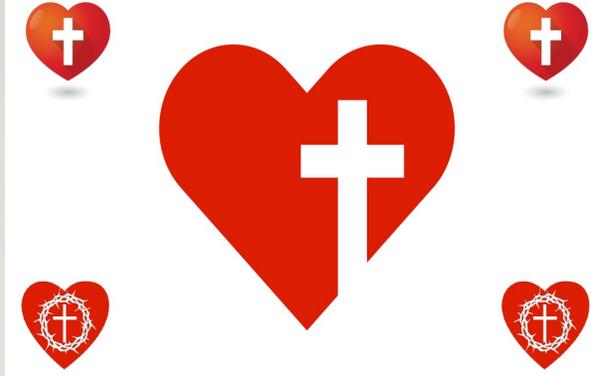


I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be made full. (Jn 15:11, AT)





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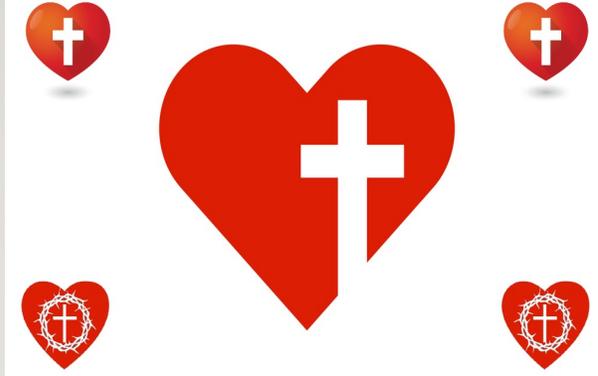
The precepts of the LORD [YHWH] are right,
giving **joy** to the heart.

The commands of the LORD [YHWH] are radiant,
giving light to the eyes. (Ps 19:8, NIV)





JOHN 15:12
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE:
LOVE LIKE CHRIST!

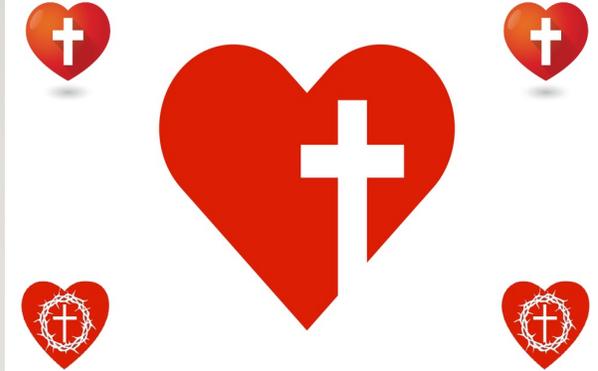


This is my command: that you should love one another as I have loved you. (Jn 15:12, AT)





JOHN 15:12-14
REAL FRIENDS

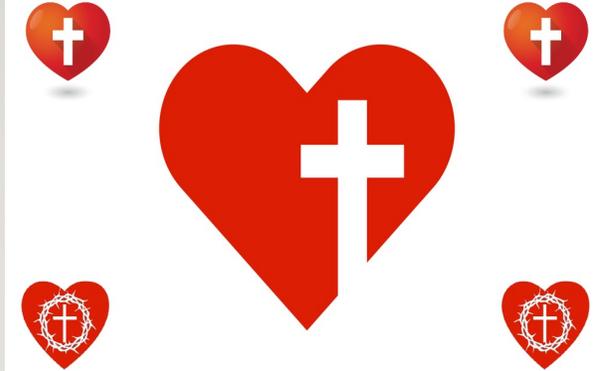


13 No one has greater love than this: that one give up one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. (Jn 15:13-14, AT)





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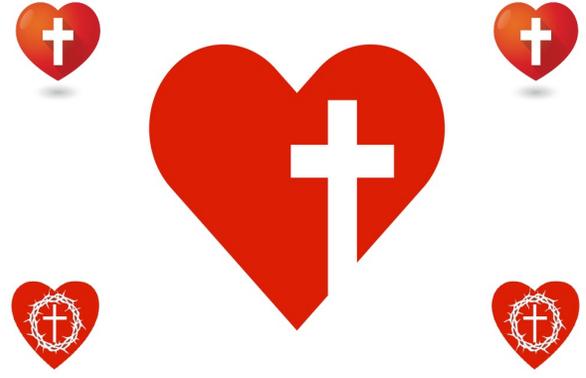


I no longer call you **servants**, because a **servant** **does not know his master's business**. Instead, I have called you **friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have **made known to you**. (Jn 15:15, NIV)





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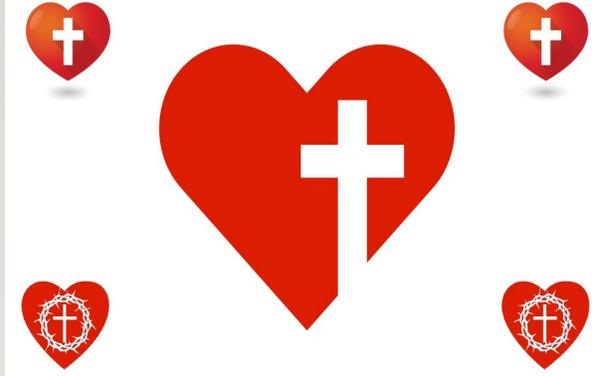


The LORD [YHWH] would speak to Moses **face to face**, as one speaks to a **friend**. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. (Ex 33:11, NIV)





TRUE LOVE
COMES FULL CIRCLE

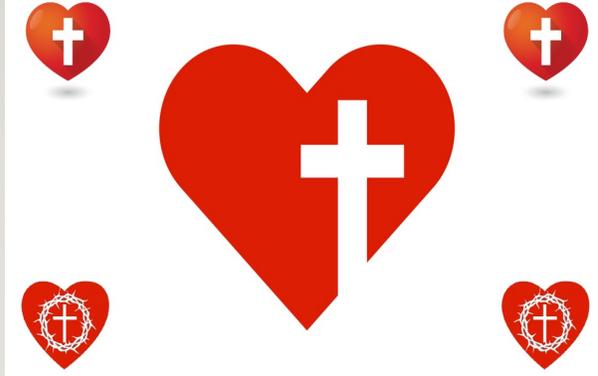


22 But the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is **love, joy,**
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.
(Gal 5:22-23, NIV)





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**We love because he first
loved us. (1 Jn 4:19, NIV)**

