

Our weapon is LOVE

Wylie United Methodist Church

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1 John 4:7-11

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1. GOD LOVES YOU

1 John 4:7-8

7 Dear friends... love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8... God is love.

2. THE CROSS PROVES IT

1 John 4:9-10

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John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE LIKE CHRIST

1 John 4:11, 8

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1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

- So the question is... HOW? How do we love like Christ?

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love...

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails... 13... these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.