

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

This is how we know that we love God's children when we love God and obey His commands.

1 John 5:2 HCSB

Hello family,

How often do we think about or remember God's love for us while we're still trying to decide whether we are going to like someone, let alone love them?

How often do we think about God's command to us to love one another the way that He loves us? (John 13:34)

Have you ever noticed how often and how easily we start trying to set standards for ourselves and for others instead of recognizing God's standards as the perfect standards?

When we notice that our ways, that is, our standards are becoming or have become that by which we measure our willingness to love someone, that should be the warning light on our spiritual dashboards that tells us something is very wrong, and it is time to stop and get it fixed. It's time to stop and remember God's command to love others the way that He loves us. That means for us to want God's best for everyone.

We need to remember God's perfect love; He loves us so much and demonstrated that when He sacrificed His only begotten Son for reckless, rebellious, unworthy, sinful people like us; like all people.

When we remember that, we should be motivated to want to demonstrate our love and appreciation for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by obeying Him.

Let's study His word so we know what He says, and since we love Him let's do what He says.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Wolff.