**The Fruit of the Spirit – Love, Part one**

**Gal. 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

**Gal. 5:23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

**Gal. 5:24** And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**Gal. 5:25** ¶ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

**Colossians 3:14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Romans 5:8** “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Romans 5:5** and hope does not put us to shame, because **God’s love** has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

**1 John 3:16** By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

**John 15:13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

**Eph. 5:2** And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**John 13:35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**1John 3:14** We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

**1John 3:15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**1John 3:16** ¶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

**1John 3:17** But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?

**1John 3:18** Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**Questions to Ponder**

What is the difference between human love and the love of God in us?

Think of a time when you showed self-sacrificing love toward another?

Have you experienced the self-sacrificing love of another?

As you think about those experiences what feelings do you have?

How does/should God’s love motivate you?