

Part 1

"Rooted in Love"

"the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23

And the spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, **so you are not free** to carry out your good intentions. Galatians 5:17

Our culture's view of love: • love is a feeling.

• love is uncontrollable.

The Bible's definition of love: • love is action

"Dear friends, let us not love with words or tongue, but with action and in truth!" 1 John 3:18

•love is a choice

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Mark 12:31

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44

Choosing Love in Action Means:

1. True love will _______others.

2. True Love will ______.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us." 1 John 3:16

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. Ephesians 3:18

"We love because He first loved us." 1John 4:19

For if, when **we were God's enemies**, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be **saved through his life!** Romans 5:10