



GOD'S FELLOWSHIP – REAL LOVE/FALSE PROPHETS (25)

START HERE:

John's first main section starts like this:

"This is the message **we** have heard from him and proclaim to **y'all**: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all." (1:5)

It's a message from "we" to "you" (plural) about living in Light.

John's second main section starts like this:

"This is the message **y'all** have heard from the beginning: **we** should love one another." (3:11)

It's a reminder to "you" (plural) about living in Love.

Before he was arrested and crucified, Jesus ate one final meal with his disciples and then taught them some important final lessons. One of the last things he said was: "I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved y'all, y'all should love each other. All y'all's love for one another will prove to the world that y'all are my disciples." (John 13:34-35)

That's the ultimate challenge, isn't it – to love our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ so sincerely and lavishly that other people somehow see God in and through the **agape** love that overflows from our hearts (go back to devo 24 "EXTRA THINGS" for more about **agape**). But our minds matter, too. So another lifelong challenge is to think carefully and continue learning and studying God's Word. Then we can be wise and discerning about the world's lies while we confidently follow and live God's truth.

READ THIS: 1 John 3:11-4:20

THINK ABOUT:

What does Paul say about "real love" from God and for others?

EXTRA THINGS

In English, "you" does double duty for both "you" (just the one you) and "y'all" (you and all the other yous). But the language of the Bible had distinct "you"s: both a singular and plural version.

Many of the "you"s in the New Testament would be better translated as "y'all"s or "all y'all"s because they were written not to just one "you" but to all the "you"s in a church, crowd, or group.

EXTRA VERSES

1 Corinthians 13

EXTRA STUFF

Listen to Matt Maher's "Love Will Hold Us Together" [HERE](#).

Watch the Bible Project video "Agape" [HERE](#).

What does Paul say about "false prophets" and their teaching?

AM: Today, commit to expressing agape love to those around you.

PM: Today, how did you both experience and express agape love?

Dear Lord, Help me to love others as you love me. Soften my heart and transform my attitudes so that I can truly, sincerely, and humbly receive your agape love and express the same to others. Amen.