

# **Rediscovering Our Identity**

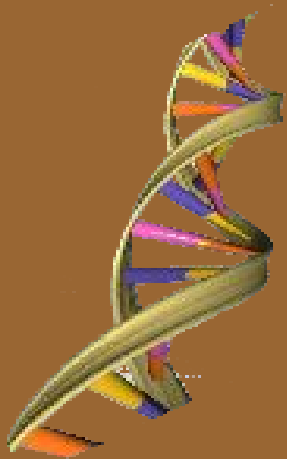
**Galatians 2:19-21 (The Message)**



<sup>19-21</sup> **What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him.**



**Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me.**

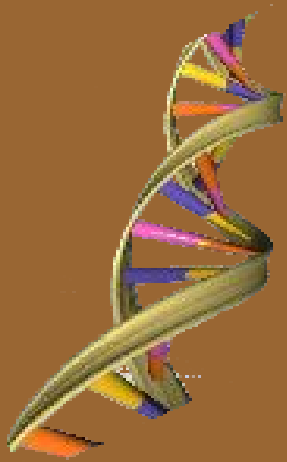


**The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.**



**Our identity is rooted  
in God's love for us.**

# What is Love?



## **LOVE IS A COMAND.**

**“Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another”**

**2 John 1:6 (NLT)**

## **LOVE IS A CHOICE.**

**“Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does!”**

**1 Corinthians 14:1a (Mes)**

## **LOVE IS A CONDUCT.**

**“Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.”**

**1 John 3:18 (LB)**

## **LOVE IS A COMMITMENT.**

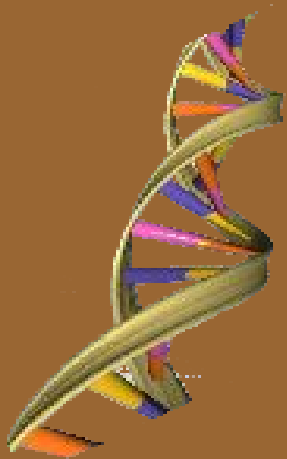
**“God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us.”**

**1 John 4:16 (CEV)**

# How to Build a Life of Love



1. Learn how mature love acts and responds.
2. Start your day with a daily reminder to love.
3. Memorize what God says about love.
4. Practice acting in unselfish, loving ways.
5. Get support from other loving people.



**“Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.”**

**Ephesians 5:2 (Mes)**

**“In this life we have three lasting qualities: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love!”**

**1 Corinthians 13:13 (Ph)**