

The Many-Splendored Thing
Assorted texts September 6, 2015

*Our mission is to become faithful servants of Jesus Christ through worship, **loving one another**, and seeking the lost.*

1. Love means loyalty

Romans 8.38-39: *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



App 1:

2. Love means patience

Eph. 4.2: *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

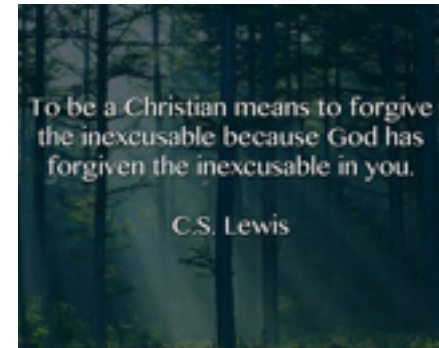
Col. 3.13: *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*



App 2:

3. Love means mercy

Matthew 18.21-35. *'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'*



In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

4. Love means initiative

Matt. 5.23: *"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."*

