



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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- D) To keep the new believers from being lonely.

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- A) The world's love is all about how someone makes us feel.
- B) The world's love is all about what someone can do for us.
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- D) The world's love is limited.

How did Jesus model the kind of love Paul describes?

How is the love Paul describes different from the way someone is able to love a brother or a sister?

What or who could help you to love others the way Paul describes?

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