

# Maple Springs Baptist Church

**Series: Red Letter Living—Living the Words of Jesus**

**Week 2: Living Like Jesus**

**People can believe they believe something that they may not actually believe.**

The truth is that beliefs that have no connection to reality, even if they're sincere, aren't beliefs at all; they're delusions.

**Following Jesus is what happens when our lives align with what we say we believe about Him.**

**Love Defined 1 John 2:3-17**

- Children—commencement of the Christian life
- Young Men—conflict in the Christian life
- Fathers—Consummation of the Christian life

Living as Jesus:

- Is walking as He walked (1 John 2:3-6).
- Is living in the light (1 John 2:7-11).
- Is being infused with the Word (1 John 2:12-14).
- Is remaining forever (1 John 2:15-17)

Love for the World (1 John 2:15-17)

- Dissipates our energies
- Deletes our resources
- Demands our time
- Diverts our minds and hearts

Jesus sets the tone for who we are to love and how we are to love.

**Love Demonstrated Matthew 22:34-40**

Example #1: **Man of Character** – Persevere in Love in Times of Testing or Triumph (Matthew 22:34-36)

Example #2: **Man of Action** – Show Love for God with Passion and Praise (Matthew 22:37-38)

Example #3: **Man of Courage** – Love with an All-In Attitude and Encourage Others (Matthew 22:39-40)

Love is the grand secret of true obedience to God.

Love is the grand secret of right behavior towards our fellow men.

Big Idea: **Red Letter Living Requires the Right Definition and the Right Demonstration**