



Welcome to the 2023-2024 AWANA Club!  
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### Calendar

03/15: Wear GREEN for  
 St. Patty's Day!  
 03/22: Resurrection  
 Party!



### Happy Birthday To:

**Eliza W: 03/10**  
**Caroline K: 03/17**

### Bible Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart, that I might not sin against God.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### T&T Announcements: March 8, 2024

Next week is our Review night.

Don't forget to wear Green for St  
 Patty's Day!

**This week's verse: Galatians 5:14 "The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

### Section 4.1 Discovery of Love

1. **Galatians 5:14.** What law is referred to here? Why did Paul feel the need to sum up the entire law in a single command? What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? Who is your neighbor?
2. **John 3:16.** God is our best example of love. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins. You will still have consequences for your sin, but you will spend forever in heaven with God if you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. When you do, you will live a life that shows people who God is and how He loves people. When we discover God's grace towards us, we discover His love.
3. **1 John 4:7.** To love people in the best way, you need to depend on God and His power. You can't do it yourself.
4. **1 John 4:19.** When you learn about God, you will love Him more and more. Knowing God will make you want to love others too!
5. **John 13:35.** How will people know that you are a disciple (follower) of Jesus? When you do loving and kind things for others, you are showing the world that you love God.
6. What does showing love to your neighbor look like? Could showing love sometimes mean staying silent instead of saying the unkind thing you want to say? How can you show love to someone you dislike?
7. You won't always want to love others. You may not want to love someone. When that happens, trust that God will help you love your neighbor. As you grow in understanding God's love for you, look for opportunities to show love to others!

# T&T Verses

**Galatians 5:14** “The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

In the book of Galatians, Paul was quoting from what God says in Leviticus 19:18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

What law is referred to here? Paul is referring to the law of Moses, which is technically the first 5 books of the Bible (also called the Torah (Hebrew) or Pentateuch (Greek)). God gave Moses these 600 or so commandments (including the original 10 commandments) for the Israel people to help them learn to love God and love each other and treat each other fairly.

Why did Paul feel the need to sum up the entire law in a single command? The Galatians were still trying to follow the law, which they didn't need to anymore because Jesus fulfilled the law when he died on the cross and rose from the grave. So Paul summed up all commandments by repeating what Jesus said - the greatest commandment is to love God and the second is like it - to love your neighbor as yourself.

What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? Who is your neighbor? Your neighbor is anyone around you. It doesn't strictly mean the people who live near you - it includes every person you come into contact with. It includes people you love and people you don't love. To love them means to show them kindness and respect and pray for them and do anything you can for them (within reason). How easy or hard is it to do this? When it is hard, sometimes we show love simply by not saying the mean things we want to say.

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son so that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

**1 John 4:7** “Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.”

**1 John 4:19** “We love each other because He loved us first.”

**John 13:35** “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”