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Love Deeply

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Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers
over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

“Above all” - in front of, as a leading principle or chief priority

“Above” - marker of primary importance - ‘more important than, of greatest importance, above.’

Love is a High Priority

Above all, **love each other**....

1 Peter 4:8

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and
God in them.

1 John 4:16

We come to Know and Rely on God's love.
Then we Live and Walk in that love.

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Love has to be Deep

Above all, love each other **deeply**...

1 Peter 4:8

“Our love must be energetic...Christian love is not an easy, sentimental reaction. It demands everything a man has of mental and spiritual energy. It means loving the unlovely and the unlovable; it means loving in spite of insult and injury; it means loving when love is not returned...Christian love is the love which never fails and into which every atom of a man’s strength is directed.”

– William Barclay

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Loving deeply means doing whatever it takes and making great efforts to communicate God's heart.

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Beware of emotional laziness.
It is really spiritual neglect.

Agape: Unconditional Love

This Type Of Love Reflects The Greatest:

1. Strength
2. Character
3. Generosity

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A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13: 34-35

In order to love in an unceasing and intense way, the spirit of forgiveness must envelope our hearts.

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Love has to Cover

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Definition of Forgiveness

1. Forgiveness means to cover so that sin or the wrong is no longer perceivable or remembered.
2. Forgiveness means releasing them to God and releasing them from your expectations of repentance.

Why Do We Forgive?

1. Because God Forgave Us
2. Because We Love God
3. Because We Walk In Love

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:20-21