

# PBC Growing in Christ

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# Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and community.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

# Growing in Christ

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- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*





# Love

## John 15:9-14

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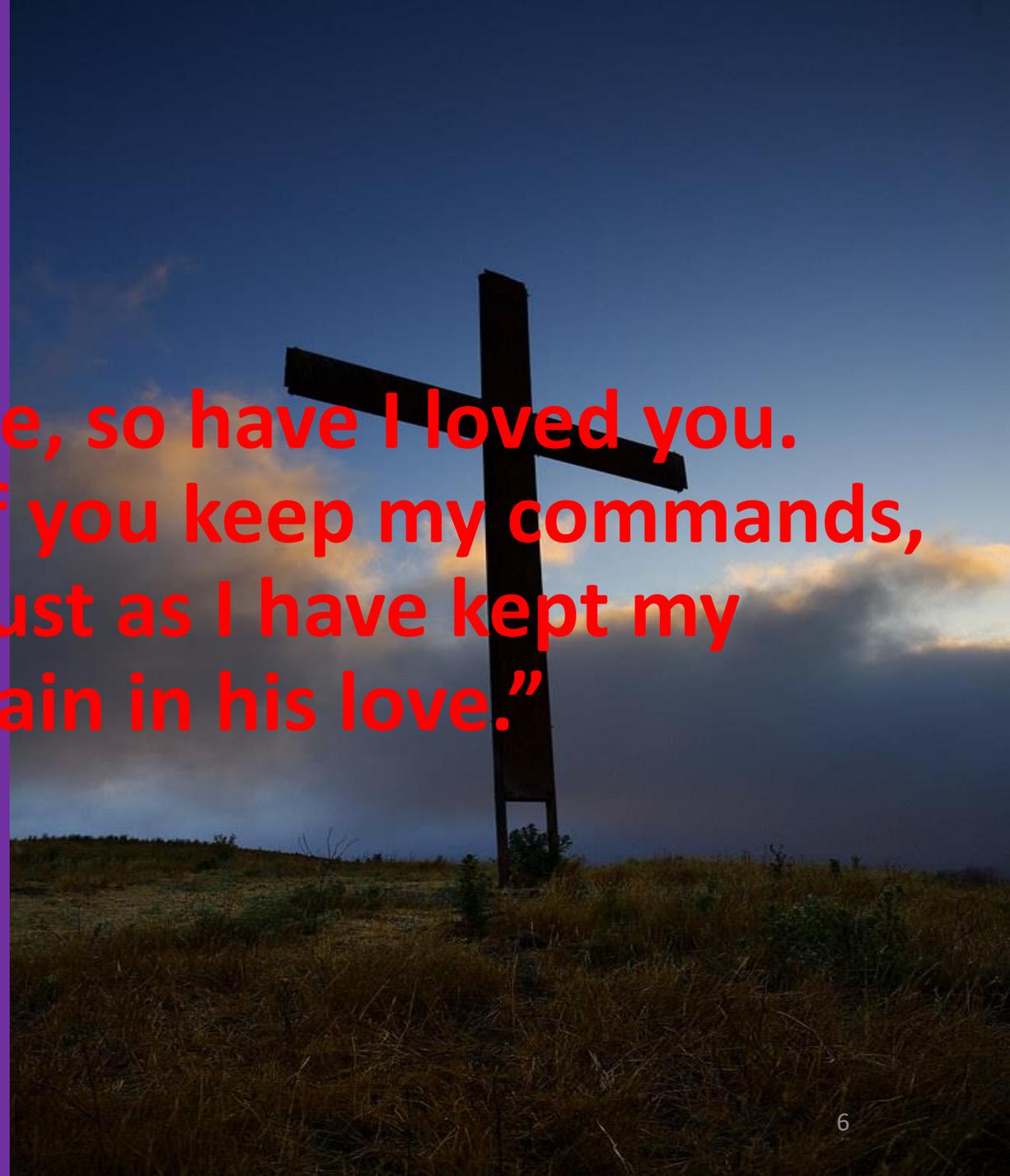
**What foods do you  
like best straight out of  
the oven?**

# Scripture

## John 15:9-10

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9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”





# Love

## John 15:9-14

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“What do we tend to expect from the people who love us?”

How would you describe the connection between love and obedience?



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## JOHN 15:9-10

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Take special note of the word “remain” in this passage.

- somewhere to dwell there continually;
- A place of comfort



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## JOHN 15:9-10

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Obedience to God is the crucial factor in bearing fresh fruit in the lives of other people.

- Keep his commandments, remain in the love
- Feel the affection of the love
- Your commitment to the commands of Jesus is the linchpin to producing life in those around you.

# Scripture

## JOHN 15:11-12

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11 “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”





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## JOHN 15:11-12

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“How does our relationship with God impact our relationships with others?”

What does this passage tell us about God’s design for our group?



# Love

## JOHN 15:11-12

How did Jesus show love?

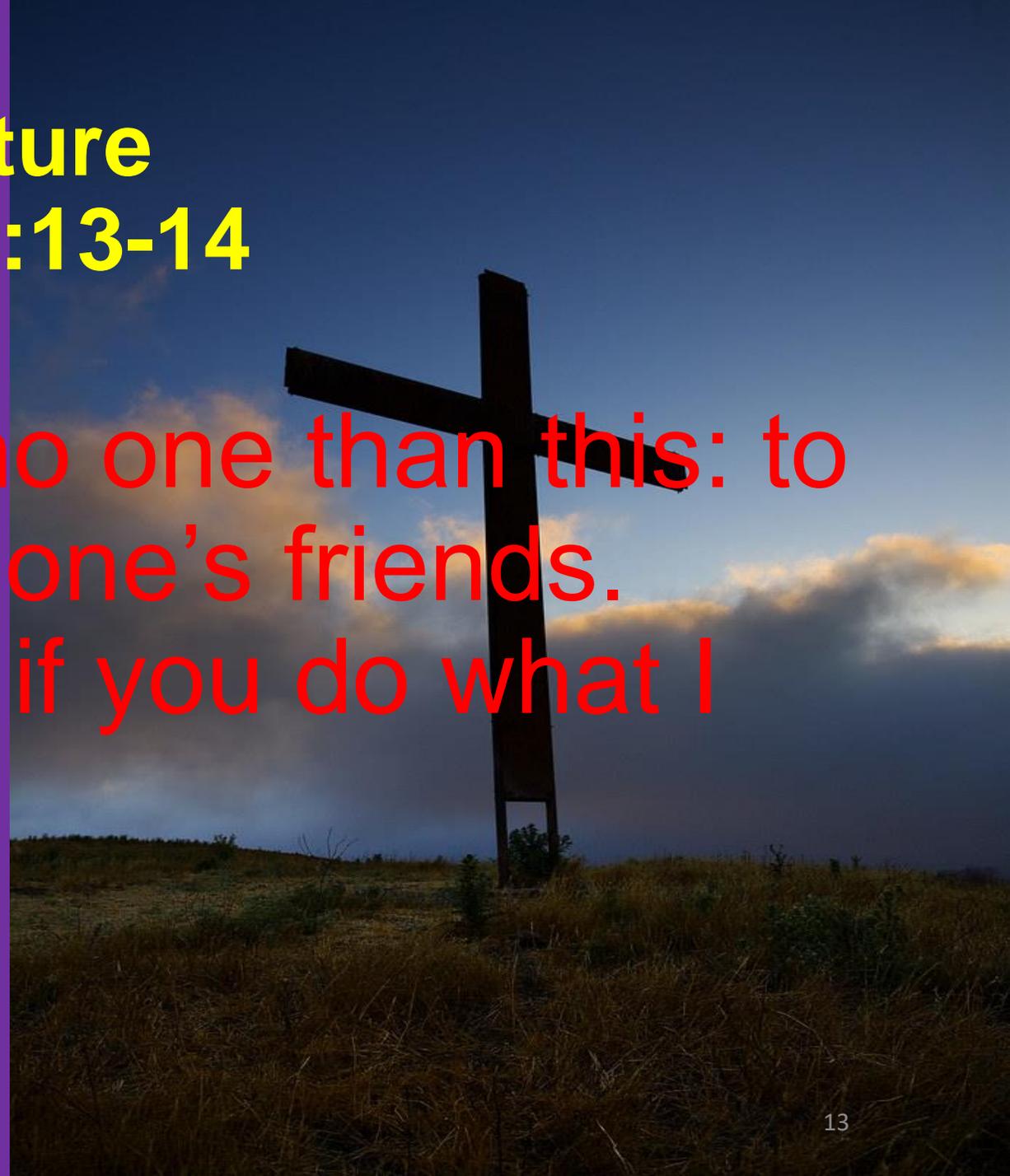
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- He gave.
- He forgave.
- He pardoned.
- He was gracious, kind, merciful, sacrificial, and intentional.

# Scripture

## John 15:13-14

13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.  
14 You are my friends if you do what I command.”





## Question

# JOHN 15:13-14

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“How have you experienced the joy of loving others as Christ loves you?”

What opportunities do you have to lay down your life for others?



# LOVE

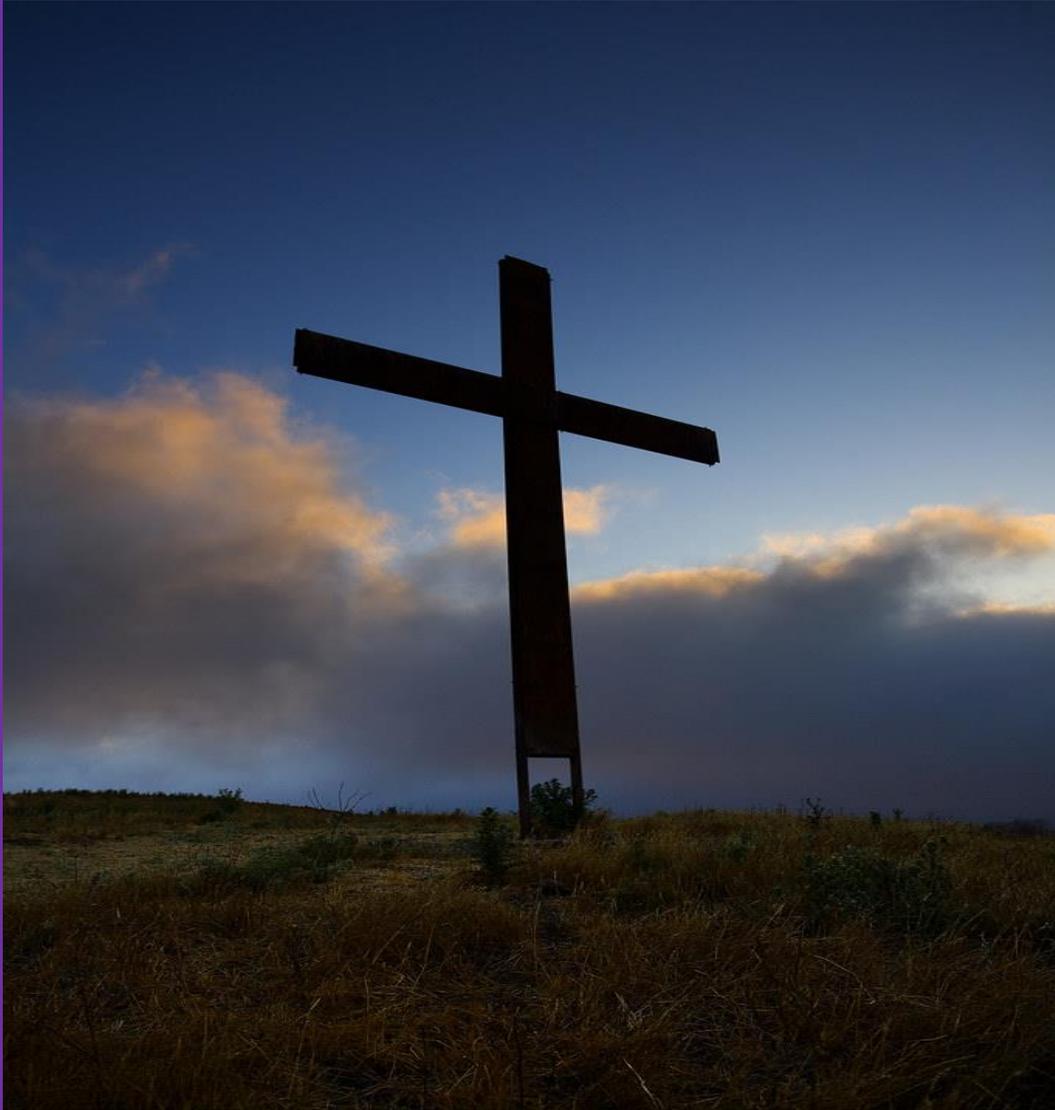
## JOHN 15:13-14

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Little did the disciples know that, even as Jesus taught the disciples how to love, this would be lived out in their own lives. In the years that followed, those in Jesus' inner circle would sacrifice all for their Savior. For example, James, the brother of John, was executed with a sword because of His commitment to Jesus (Acts 12:2).

Church history indicates that, with the exception of John (and of course Judas Iscariot), Jesus' apostles were martyred for their faith. They were willing to die as a measure of their love for their leader

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# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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Give a small gift. Give an unexpected gift to someone who needs it. Attach this simple note: “Thank you for playing an important role in my life.”

Reach out. Think of a relationship that has become stale, or even hostile. Make a phone call to see if you can revive or refresh that connection.

Make a major sacrifice. Think of something that hinders your closest relationships—golf clubs, salon appointments, cable TV, a car payment, and so on. Then get rid of it!

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## Final thoughts about Love JOHN 15:9-14

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Like the heels of the loaf of bread, our relationships can become stale, hard, and flat. Love requires continual refreshment to remain healthy.



# Final thoughts about Love

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When you love people as Jesus does, you begin to break down their defenses. Even the crusty shell of cynicism can begin to crack and they open up their messy lives to you. The spark of relational fire is found in these unforeseen moments of love.

# Final thoughts about Love

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Remember!!!!

“We are going love the hell out  
you!”



# Resources

**John 3:29, 13:1-17, 13:34-35**

**I John 4:19-21**

**Acts 12:2**

**Mark 12:28-34**

**Luke 10:25-28**

**Matthew 7:24-27, 14: 46-50, 22:37-40, 26:36-46**

**[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)**



## Next Week: June 28, 2020

### Encouragement

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Encouragement  
strengthens relationships.

Acts 9:26-28; 11:21-26

“When have you recently  
seen encouragement in  
action?”



# God Bless You!

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