

**What Kind of Church
Is IBC to Be? Part 2:
A Church of Infectious Love**

It is our desire to be a church that truly reflects our community and its diversity of people. TO be a place that is truly multi-cultural, where diversity is appreciated and embraced, while racism and segregation is discouraged. (Gal 3:28)

We also will be a place where sinners are embraced, accepted and lovingly shown God's desire to forgive and transform (Luke 15:1).

We will be a church that holds firm our core beliefs, shows Christians liberty others, and love in all things (Titus 1:9; Rom 14:13)

" We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

1 John 4:19-21

" But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Gal 5:22-23

1. Our World Needs True Love
 - a) The World is Misguided
 - b) Love is misunderstood
 - c) Love is missing

" A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

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2. The Perfect Example of Love

" But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery."

John 8:1-5

" They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?""

John 8:1-5

*" They were using this question as a trap,
in order to have a basis for accusing Him."*

John 8:6

*" Jesus bent down & started to write on the
ground with his finger."*

John 8:6

" When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up & said to them. `If one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Again He stooped down & wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there."

John 8:7-9

" Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' `No one, sir,' she said. `Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. `Go now & leave your life of sin'"

John 8:10-11

1. Our World Needs True Love
2. The Perfect Example of Love
3. Applications
 - a) Love meets the needs of others before it meets the wants of self
 - b) Love leads people to Christ
 - c) Love sees people for what they can become, rather than what they are