

John 15:13~ **No one has love greater than this, that someone should surrender his soul¹ in behalf of his friends.**

Footnote: Or, life

1· Then Jesus told them, that no one had any greater love for another, than the one who surrenders his own soul for another one of his friends.

[Question] What is the greatest love, that one person can show toward another?

2· I am the fine shepherd, the fine shepherd surrenders his soul in behalf of the sheep. (John 10:11)

[Question] What did Jesus say that he himself was, and what did he do in behalf of his sheep?

3· For hardly will anyone die for a righteous man. Indeed, for the good man, perhaps, someone even dares to die. (Romans 5:7)

[Question] What did Paul show, that men would be unlikely to do?

4· And go on walking in love, just as the Christ also loved you, and delivered himself up for you, as an offering, and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet-smelling odor. (Ephesians 5:2)

[Question] How should anointed Christians go on walking, and who set this fine example for them to follow?

5· By this we have come to know love, because that one surrendered his soul for us. We are under obligation to surrender our souls for our brothers. (1 John 3:16)

[Question] How have spirit anointed Christians come to know love?

[Question] What does this expression of love by Christ, obligate us to show toward our brothers?

6· I shall be the one to be surety for him. Out of my hand you may exact the penalty for him. If I fail to bring him to you, and present him to you, then I shall have sinned against you for all time. (Genesis 43:9)

[Question] How did Judah show his love for his family, in the account of Joseph?

- 7· **So, having a tender affection for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not only the Good News of God, but also our own souls, because you became beloved to us. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)**

[Question] What did Paul impart to people he preached to, beyond just the Good News of God?

- 8· **At that Saul went hurling the spear at him to strike him, and Jonathan came to know, that it had been determined upon by his father, to put David to death. (1 Samuel 20:33)**

[Question] What did wicked king Saul decide to do to David, despite his not having sinned against him, and how did Saul's son Jonathan feel about this wicked deed of his own father?

- 9· **A true companion is loving all the time, and is a brother that is born for when there is distress. (Proverbs 17:17)**

[Question] How does a true companion act all the time, and what is he in a time of distress?

- 10· **Draw me with you. Let us run. The king has brought me into his interior rooms! Do let us be joyful and rejoice in you. Do let us mention your expressions of endearment more than wine. Deservedly they have loved you. (Song of Solomon 1:4)**

[Question] How does the Song of Solomon express this love?

- 11· **Place me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, because love is as strong as death is, insistence on exclusive devotion, is as unyielding as Sheol is. Its blazings, are the blazings of a fire, the flame of Yah. (Song of Solomon 8:6)**

[Question] How strong is true love, and what will it even take us through?

- 12· **Just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father, and I surrender my soul in behalf of the sheep. (John 10:15)**

[Question] Who knew Jesus the best, and who knew Yehowah God the best?

[Question] What did Jesus willingly surrender in behalf of his sheep?