

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Live and Love and Grow in Christ

TUNE: Shepherds! Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep (BESANCON)

Matthew 5:43-48; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13;

Ephesians 3:14-21; 4; 5; 6:1-9; 1 John 3:18

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1. Liv - ing in Christ, we love in Him. Love now breathes and
2. Love as He loves, in word and deed. Give your time to
3. Love is the gift our God im - parts, Love, the Fa - ther's

E⁷ D E⁷ A A⁷ A A⁹ A⁷ D⁹ Gadd⁹ G D A

grows with - in, Gen - tle with loved ones ev - er pres - ent,
those in need. Give them your - self by tru - ly car - ing,
ho - ly heart. Love is the Sav - ior's self - de - ny - ing,

D D^{sus} D G⁶ G G⁶ D D^{sus} D A⁷ Bm A A⁹ A⁷ D⁹

Kind to friends and those un - pleas - ant. Good - ness to all is
Hum - ble, pa - tient, meek, for - bear - ing. Lov - ing is joy and
Teach - ing, touch - ing, suf - fring, dy - ing. Love is the Spir - it's

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BESANCON
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His de - light! Live and love and grow in Christ!
 sac - ri - fice. Live and love and grow in Christ!
 puls - ing life. Live and love and grow in Christ!

TOPICS: God's Love; Living in Christ; Maundy Thursday; Relationships; Serving in Christ's Name; Trinity

LEAD-IN: *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us. (Ephesians 4:31 – 5:2, NASB)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

As We Live in Christ

As we live in Christ,
 we share His relationship with the Father.

We share their love
 for each other and
 for every human being.

As we live in Christ,
 we share His bond of love with
 all those He loves and
 all those who love Him.

As we become one with Him,
 we become one with all those who are His.

All our relationships now go through Him.
 He is the unseen partner in each one.

We learn to love others because
 He loves them and
 we love Him.

As we live in Christ,
 we grow to love as He loves,
 show compassion as He shows compassion,
 be patient as He is patient,
 absorb wrongs done to us as He absorbed them,
 forgive as He forgave.

In loving all those around us, He is
our master,
our model,
our standard,
our source, and
our goal.

Wives, husbands,
children, parents,
bosses, employees,
friends, enemies—
as we live in Christ,
we love each one with the
gentle,
self-giving,
patient,
persistent love of Christ.

As we trust Christ,
we live in Him,
and love is the very breath of His heart.

As we trust Christ,
He fills our beings with His own loving Spirit.
His Spirit helps us love everyone
in Christ,
for Christ,
like Christ,
as loving Christ Himself.