

familiar friday - what is love
(a repeat daily)

"greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." john 15:13

a group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "what does love mean?" below are a few of the answers they gave.

"when my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. my grandfather does it for her all the time, even after his hands got arthritis too. that's love." rebecca - age 8

"when someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. you know that your name is safe in their mouth." billy - age 4

"love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your french fries without making them give you any of theirs." chrissy - age 6

"love is when you kiss all the time. then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. my mommy and daddy are like that. they look gross when they kiss." emily - age 8

"love is what's in the room with you at christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." bobby - age 7

"if you want to learn to love better, you should start

with a friend who you hate." nikka - age 6

"love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." tommy - age 6

"during my piano recital, i was on a stage and scared. i looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. he was the only one doing that. i wasn't scared anymore." cindy - age 8

"love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." mary ann - age 4

"i know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." lauren - age 4

"i let my big sister pick on me because my Mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. so i pick on my baby sister because i love her." bethany - age 4

"when you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." karen - age 7

"you really shouldn't say 'i love you' unless you mean it. but if you mean it, you should say it a lot. people forget." jessica - age 8

love is a word too casually thrown around these days. i love swimming or i love that tv show. when we speak of God we are talking about the One who is love. He

gives His so freely only desiring ours in return. the innocence of children - even in a fallen world they often speak a deeper truth.

"to me love is a man hanging on a tree with outstretched arms, refusing to defend Himself because He loved me even when i didn't love Him." linda - age 75

i would like to reiterate the statement from the last child above. "you really shouldn't say 'i love You' unless you mean it. but if you mean it, you should say it a lot." not that Jesus will forget. we should say it often so we won't forget. is His name safe in your mouth? MARANATHA!