

The background features six teal circles of varying shades and opacities. Three are solid and three are outlined, arranged in two rows of three. The top row circles are positioned behind the text 'Live In Philadelphia'. The bottom row circles are positioned behind the text 'Love your fellow Christians'.

Live In Philadelphia

Love your fellow Christians

We Should Love (*agape*) All

- **Brethren**

- John 15:12 *"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*

- **Enemies**

- Matthew 5:44 *"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"*

- **All People**

- 1Thess 3:12 *"And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,"*

But Love (*philadelphia*) Your Brethren

- **Love of brethren**

- 1Thess 4:9-10 *"But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;"*

- **Add to your godliness brotherly love**

- 2Peter 1:7 *"to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love."*

Put Greater Value On Your Brethren

- **Brotherly Love means affection and preference.**

- Romans 12:10 *"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;"*

- **Love one another intensely and sincerely**

- 1Peter 1:22 *"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,"*

Don't Neglect Loving Strangers

- **But Brotherly Love should continue**

- Hebrews 13:1-2 " *Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.*"

- **But who is my brother?**

Love Your Neighbor

- **The Mosaic law made its demand**

- Lev 19:18 *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself”*

- *The term “neighbor” was understood to apply in a local or at most a national sense. Bromiley, G. W. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Revised. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1988; 2002. Vol. 1, Page 550.*

- Jesus broadened the understanding to anyone who was near or in need of help in the story of the good Samaritan.

- Luke 10:36-37 *“So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”*

Love Your Family Member

- Just as Jesus enlarged the idea of who was their neighbor He broadened (or narrowed depending on how you look at it) the concept of who was His family.
 - Matthew 12:50 *"For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."*²⁶
 - John 20:17 *"Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"*²⁷
 - Hebrews 2:11 *"For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,"*