**This is Love** (graphic)

**Love that forgives.**

(1 John 3:16)

"**This is how we know what love is**: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

1. We **need** God’s forgiveness.

(Romans 3:10)

“As it is written: ‘There is **no one righteous**, not even one.’”

(Romans 3:23)

“for **all have sinned** and fallen short of the glory of God,”

(Romans 6:23)

“For the **wages** of sin is **death**…”

1. God’s forgiveness is **free**.

(Romans 3:23-24)

“for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and are **justified freely** by his **grace** through the redemption that came by **Christ Jesus**.”

(Romans 6:23)

“For the wages of sin is death but **the gift of God** is **eternal** **life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1. It’s our **choice** to **accept** God’s forgiveness.

(1 John 1:9)

“**If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1. God’s forgiveness is **reciprocal**.

(Colossians 3:13)

**“**Bear with each other **and forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

 Forgive because that’s what **love** does.