

Key Vocabulary

agape love	Love that is unconditional + selfless
compassion	Caring for others
commandments	Rules of behaviour in the Old Testament
debtors	People who owe something, usually money
justice	Principle that people receive what they deserve
Samaritan	A helpful person
inheritance	The passing on of earthly + spiritual gifts from God
kingdom	The spiritual reign of God
ethics	A set of moral principles
humanity	The quality of being kind to others

'Where there is love there is life.'
Mahatma Gandhi

Love

Love is.... Love means....We can show love by

Luke 10: The Good Samaritan – a parable told by Jesus to teach something. Parable shows we can learn from poor + despised. Links to Jesus teaching about loving your enemies.

Who might be a neighbour today?

1st + 2nd commandments: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'*

Agape love: God, Mother Teresa, Dalai Lama

If you can't feed a hundred people then feed just one.
Mother Teresa

'Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.'
Dalai Lama

Forgiveness

Being forgiven + forgiving others – feelings before + after, easy or hard to forgive?

Forgiving others is an essential aspect of Christian ethics. Christians believe that to forgive is to reflect the loving nature of God and his reaction to human beings.

Luke 7: The 2 debtors + Matthew 18: The unforgiving servant – parables showing the relation between the level of love and the level of forgiveness.

'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do,' spoken by Jesus at crucifixion.



Justice + fairness

Christian agencies that help others: Christian Aid, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse – helping to support people getting support they need + deserve.

Papa Panov – Russian story of Christmas including the words of Christ in a vision, 'whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me'. Compare to Matthew 25 – The sheep +the goats: includes quote as above. Both stories teach how Christians believe we should treat each other.

