Series: Colossians Title: "A Life of Love" Text: Colossians 3:12-15 Date: January 7, 2023

In Colossians 3:12-15, Paul shared four important biblical ideas about Christian love...

- 1. We have a responsibility to love (v. 12).
- 2. Our standing in Christ calls us to love (v. 12).

Matthew 24:31

"Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility." **Baptist Faith & Message (2000)**

1 John 4:19

- 3. Real love results in a real <u>change</u> in how we treat others (vs. 12-15).
- 4. Love is the first virtue we should pursue (v. 14).