WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A

CHRISTIAN

THE DEFINER OF LOVE

1 John 3:16-18

As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets.

Grady Clark

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Jesus is the definition of love.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:13

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!"

Philippians 2:5-8

Love is sacrificial.

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"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about

their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

James 2:14-17

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along."

Galatians 2:10

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys."

Luke 12:32-34

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Proverbs 28:19

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." Proverbs 14:23

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