

1 John 4:7-12

God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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3 Reasons to Love One Another

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 - Love is from God, it originates with Him.

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:24

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 - Love is from God, it originates with Him.
 - Christians who love each other show a family resemblance to their Father
 - C. God's nature is love, it is an essential part of who he is

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Exodus 34:6-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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1. Love reflects God's nature (vv.7-8)
 2. Love follows God's example (vv.9-11)
 - God's love met our needs.
 - God's love was self-sacrificial.
 - God loved those who didn't love him.
 - God took the initiative to love.
 - God forgave us and reconciled us to himself.
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 3. Love completes God's purpose (v.12)
 - God's love in the community of the church
 - God's love is proof of supernatural power at work among us.
 - Love in the church is the completion of God's purpose for his love.
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