

LET'S LOVE
LOVE REVEALED
1 John 4:7–8
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⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
1 John 4:9–10

1. LOVE _____ GOD LOVES

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another... 1 John 4:7a

³⁴ "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34–35

²⁸ One of the scribes approached. When he heard them debating and saw that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which command is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is **Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one.** ³⁰ **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**" ³¹ The second is, **Love your neighbor as yourself.** There is no other command greater than these." Mark 12:28–31

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, **Love your neighbor** and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:43–48

2. LOVE _____ GOD LOVES

... because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7b

² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23

²² According to the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22

¹³ ...bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. Colossians 3:13

¹² "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father. John 15:12–15

⁸ But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

3. LOVE BECAUSE GOD _____ LOVE

⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, ⁵ is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶ Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 1 Corinthians 13:4–8