

His Only Begotten Son

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1 John 4:9

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

1 John 3:1

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

According to John, love can be seen!

Faith, Hope and Love

Hope: Confidence in the future, cannot be seen

Faith: Includes hope, forms the basis of our relationship with God

Love: It can be seen! Behold!

1 John 4:7a

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Love in Greek

- *Eros* – Love of Passion
- *Storg* – Love of Family
- *Phileo* – Love of Friendship
- *Agape* – Love of God

Agape

- Love God had for us that He gave us His son
- Love Jesus had for us when He gave His life
- Self-sacrifice
- Self-denial
- Self-devotion
- Seeks the highest good for others

1 John 4:7 (Amplified)

Beloved, let us [unselfishly] ^[a]love *and* seek the best for one another, for love is from God

^[a] The key to understanding this and other statements about love is to know that this love (the Greek word *agape*) is not so much a matter of emotion as it is of doing things for the benefit of another person, that is, having an unselfish concern for another and a willingness to seek the best for another.

1 John 4:7b

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Notice that “who loves” is in the present tense. It is not a one-time action that guarantees salvation, but rather becomes a habit!

1 John 4:8

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Inverse:

If we love, we know God.

If we do not love, we do not know God.

TRUTH

(1 John 2:3)

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

(1 John 3:6)

Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

(1 John 4:1)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God

LOVE

(1 John 2:10)

He who loves his brother abides in the light...

(1 John 3:11)

For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another

(1 John 4:7)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God...

Truth and Love

- If our message has **TRUTH** without **LOVE**, this is known as **LEGALISM**.
- If our message has **LOVE** without **TRUTH**, this is known as **LIBERALISM**.

LIBERALISM

LEGALISM



TRUTH MUST BE JUST!

John 14:15

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Implied Facts from a conditional statement:

1. If we can love, then we can also **NOT** love.
2. If we can keep a command, we can also **NOT** keep the command.
3. Failure to keep a command can be twofold:
 - a. Do not do what is commanded
 - b. Do something that is not commanded

1 John 2:4

He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 4:9

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only **begotten** Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

By this the love of God was displayed in us, in that God has sent His [One and] only begotten Son [the One who is truly unique, the only One of His kind] into the world so that we might live through Him. (Amplified)

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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the **propitiation** for our sins.

Propitiation (Strong's 2434: An appeasing): tied very closely with the concept of the Day of Atonement

1 John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Ephesians 3:14-19

- May we all be filled with the fulness of God!