

GOD IS LOVE

1Jo 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1Jo 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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There are many passages in the *Bible* that give us *God's* definition of *love*. The most well known *verse* is John 3:16, "For *God* so loved the world, ...

GOD'S LOVE OVERRIDES MAN'S NATURAL THINKING

1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

3 They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.

4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

5 because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

1Timothy 4:1-5

GOD'S GREAT COMMAND - LOVE

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:10-12

NOW WHY WOULD HE SAY THAT? MAYBE BECAUSE HIS ROOT NATURE AND GOD'S ROOT NATURE IS LOVE?

LET YOUR LIVES BE RULED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. I.E. BECOME ONE WITH CHRIST'S SPIRIT, MIND, LOVE, TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION – EH? THAT'S PRETTY CLEAR TO ME. ST. FRANCIS ACTUALLY DID THIS.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:1-4

LOVE HELPS YOU TO GROW

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. JUST LIKE THE FOREST THAT LIVES ON LOVE - SO, DO WE.

Ephesians 4:14-16

LOVE REMOVES CONCEIT

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:22-26

LOVE OF GOD MAKES MUSIC IN YOUR HEART

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.
¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,
²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-20

LOVE GIVES YOU FREEDOM FROM ALL LAWS

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."
¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Galatians 5:13-16

IMITATE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:5-7

GOD'S LOVE MAKES OUR HOPE COME TRUE

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.

⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5

SO, REALLY – THE SOURCE OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT / SPACE AND EVERYTHING WITHIN IT.

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS

² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3

LOVE BRINGS UNDERSTANDING

² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,

³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3

WAY OF LOVE IS THE WAY TO VICTORY

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children

² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. CHRIS CONQUERED DEATH WITH LOVE, IN ACTUALITY. AND, HE WANTED TO SHOW US THAT WE ARE ETERNAL – THERE IS NO FEAR OF DEATH.

Ephesians 5:2

LOVE IS CONTAGIOUS

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

LOVE FORGIVES

⁵ If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely.

⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient.

⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

2 Corinthians 2:5-8

WE ARE COMPELLED BY GOD'S LOVE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:19-21

HOLY SPIRIT MAKES YOU LOVING AND LOVELY

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

¹⁶ I will ask the Father. And he will give you another Friend to help

you and to be with you forever.

¹⁷ The Friend is the Spirit of truth. The world can't accept him. That is

because the world does not see him or know him. But you know

him. He lives with you, and he will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you like children who don't have parents. I will come to you.

19 "Before long, the world will not see me anymore. But you will see me. Because I live, you will live also.

20 On that day you will realise that I am in my Father. You will know that you are in me, and I am in you.

21 "Anyone who has my commands and obeys them loves me. My Father will love the one who loves me. I too will love him. And I will show myself to him."

John 14:15-21

Love Your Enemies

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.

³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

³¹ **Do to others as you would have them do to you.**

Luke 6:27

LOVE WILL SEE YOU THROUGH

¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

LOVE OF GOD ENABLES YOU TO DO THIS

⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

⁹ I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,

¹⁰ but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

1 Timothy 2:8-10

TRUE LOVE DOES NOT SHOW FAVOURITISM

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right.

⁹ But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

James 2:8-10