

GOD IS LOVE

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Love, Love, Love all you need is love

What is love?

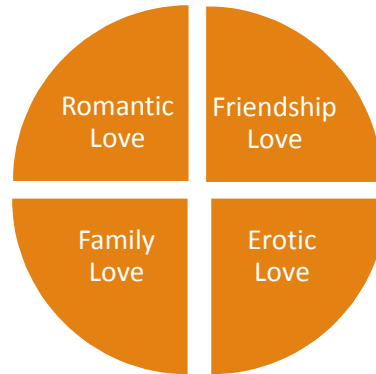
How is true that God is love?

*How is love defined by
Scriptures?*

How do we love one another?

*How is God's love "perfected in
us"?*

Our foolish notions of love



WHAT IS AGAPE LOVE?

1 John 4:7-12, 16

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because **love is from God**, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.

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 propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, **if God loved us in this way, we also must** love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and **His love is perfected** in us...

¹⁶ **We have come to know and have believed the love** which God has for us. God is **love**, and the one who abides in **love** abides in God, and God abides in him.

LOVE IS FROM GOD

1 John 4:7

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because **love is from God**, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Not “of God” but “out of” or “from” God (ek).

God is Love’s origin.

God is the architect and definer of Love.

WITHOUT GOD, THERE IS NO LOVE.

GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:8

⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.

Not God is Loving—though true

Not God loves---though true.

Not Love is God---untrue.

Compare 1 John 2:5: God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

It's all in the math.

GOD IS LOVE.

THEREFORE

GOD IS WHAT LOVE IS

LOVE IS WHAT GOD DOES

(He loved us first by sending His Son to die for our sins).

GOD'S LOVE WAS REVEALED

1 John 4:9

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.

1 John 3:1

See **how great a love** the Father has **bestowed** on us, ...that we would be called children of God; and such we are

LOVE CONSISTS IN THIS

1 John 4:10

¹⁰ **Love consists in this:** not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

It is God who initiates.

God's love is unconditional.

Love consists in this:

GOD'S LOVE INITIATES

GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL.

GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL AND COSTLY.

WE ALSO MUST LOVE

1 John 4:11

¹¹ Dear friends, **if God loved us in this way, we also must** love one another.

1 John 3:16

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Putting love into practice.

WE MANIFEST

- OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER

BY DOING WHAT GOD DOES.

- BEING A SACRIFICING SERVANT.

GOD'S LOVE IS PERFECTED IN US

1 John 4:12

¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and **His love is perfected** in us.

1 John 2:5a

but whoever keeps His word, in him the **love of God has truly been perfected**

**WHY IS OBEDIENCE EVIDENCE
OF LOVE?**

BECAUSE LOVE IS OBEDIENCE!

ABIDE IN GOD'S LOVE

1 John 4:16

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is **love**, and the one who abides in **love** abides in God, and God abides in him.

God is love.

Abide in Love.

Abide in God.

AND GOD ABIDES IN YOU.