

Knowing and believing the love of God

1 Jhn 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.

4:16 Amp) And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells *and* continues in love dwells *and* continues in God, and God dwells *and* continues in him.

We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. CEB

The apostle John is saying that we are to know and believe.

Know

Amp (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience)

We need to understand the love God has for us.

We need to recognize the love of God has for us.

We need to be conscious of the love of God has for us.

We need to understand recognize and be conscious by observation of the love of God has for us.

We need to understand recognize and be conscious by experience of the love of God he has for us period

Believe

Amp - adhere to and put faith in and rely on

We need to adhere to the love of God that he has for us. (Adhere - believe in and follow the practices of.

We need to put our faith in the love of God that he has for us.

We need to put our reliance on the love of God that he has for us.

We need to adhere put our faith and rely on the love of God that he has for us.

God is love

Wayne Grudem -God's love means that God eternally gives of himself to others. This definition understands love as self giving for the benefit of others. This attribute of God shows that it is part of his nature to give of himself in order to bring about blessing or good for others.

First where do we see God love?

Before Creation

John 17:24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they will see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the world's foundation.

The Father loves the Son

John 3:35 The Father loves the Son and gives everything into his hands.

The Son loves the Father

John 14:31 Rather, he comes so that the world will know that I love the Father and do just as the Father has commanded me.

We see God's love when He sent His son

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We see the love of God in sacrificial death of His Son Jesus Christ

1John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Propitiation- refers to the turning away of the wrath of God as the just judgment of our sin by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

“Propitiation is used in the New Testament to describe the pacifying, placating, or appeasing of God's wrath” (Kevin DeYoung).

What is obviously missing in The Who and the what?

Rom 8: 35 -39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? **shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, **that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

God demonstrates His love for us in the death of Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his love for us by the fact that the Messiah died for us while we were still sinners.

He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God

John 15: 9-11 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

- We are commanded by Jesus Christ to continue in his love
- by being obedient we show that we love him
- we are called to abide in his love
- the words spoken here is to create joy that will remain in you
- not just joy but that you be filled with joy

Jesus Christ intercession for us to be loved the same way He is loved by the Father

John 17: 21-26 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: ²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. ²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.²⁶ And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: **that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

Before the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ the gentiles we're not God's people but there is a transformation because of the cross of Christ.

Rom 9:25 As He saith also in Hosea: "I will call them 'My people,' who were not My people, and 'her beloved' who was not beloved."

Because of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ we have been accepted in the beloved

Eph 1:6 wherein he hath made us accepted in **the beloved**.

6 times the gospels record The Father audibly shares his voice and calls Jesus Christ His Beloved Son. (Matt 3:17, 17:5 Mk 1:11, 9:7 Lu 3:22, 9:35)

The purifying cleansing of knowing and believing in the love of God for us

1 John 3:1-3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure

God in him.

The love of God was seen as the father loves the Son

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The love of God is seen as we love the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit

The love of God is seen as we love one another this is the absolute proof that God is in you.

1 John 4: 11-13 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

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The love of God has been poured out already in our hearts

Rom 5: 4,5 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Amp - Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints *us*, because God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

God's love in US is a love that the world will know we are his disciples

Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

God's love in US is a love that works no ill to his neighbour and it fulfills the law of God

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

God's love in US provokes us to good works

Beloved	
Paul + Barnabas	Ac 15:25
The believers in Rome	Rom 1:7
Epaphroditus	Rom 16:25
Amphicus	16:15
Urbanus Stachys	16:9
Trophimus Trophimus	16:12
Timothy	2 Tim 4:10
Corinthian Church	15:58
Tychicus	Eph 6:21
Philippian	Phil 4:1
Colossians	Col 3:12
Onesimus	Col 4:9
Luke	4:14
Thessalonians	1 Thess 1:4
	2 Thess 2:13
Servants who are believers	1 Tim 6:2
Philemon	Phile 1:1
Apphia and Archippus	1:2
Hebrew Church	Heb 6:9
James to those he was writing to	James 1:16
Peter and	1 Pet 2:11
Johann	1 John 3:2
Luke	2:17