

WHO DO WE HAVE FAITH IN?



# GOD'S LOVE

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## DEFINITION

God's love means that God eternally gives of himself to others.

## MAIN SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-12 - This scripture is important because it shows us that God is love not only loving in his actions. Like God being good as well as doing good. It also helps us to define love, in the giving of the son to the world that love is displayed to us, finally it then emphasises the desire of God for us to show his love to others as the appropriate response to his love.

## FOLLOW-UP SCRIPTURES

John 3:16, Rom 8:37-39, Is 54:10, Eph 2:4-5

## FAITH

God's love and our faith are intrinsically connected. To believe that the God of the universe loves us requires faith. And to love a God that we have never seen, who we have evidence for but never beheld with our own eyes relies on faith. We can be grateful though that the origin of faith is not us, but the Holy Spirit, he gives us all we need to receive God's love and pour out our love in response to him.

## HOPE

So much of hope is linked to the promises that God has made to us but his love assures us that God's desire to fulfil those promises is not an obligation but is an expression of his nature, he delights in giving of himself

## LOVE

His love will always be the precursor of our love for him. knowing that God is a God of love, encourages our love for him, but also finds it's fullest expression when we choose to love others with this same love.