



## The Expression of Divine Love

1 John 4:7-8

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_

The very nature of the Christian life is to look out toward those who are around you and determine to love them as Christ loved you. It is the very heart of the faith that we live to honor Christ by loving the family of Christ.

*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.  
~ Galatians 5:13*

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_

Beyond mere sentimentalism or the general nature of human kindness, Christian love stands out as the pinnacle evidence of a transformed life.

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. ~ Galatians 5:6*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_

People are not excluded because they are bad. That, then, would exclude every human being. God excludes people because they do not know Him as evidenced in their lack of love.

*If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ~ 1 John 4:20*

**Romans 5:8**

**but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.**



## The Expression of Divine Love Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

### 2 John 1:5

*And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.*

### John 13:34

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

### Proverbs 17:17

*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

### 1 Timothy 1:5

*The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.*

### Psalm 85:10

*Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

### 2 Thessalonians 1:3

*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.*

### John 5:42

*But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.*

### 1 John 3:14

*We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.*

### Hosea 4:1

*Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land.*