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Lord, Teach Me To Love

1 John 4:7-12

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What is Love?

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Romans 1:22, 23 “Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible mankind, of birds, four-footed animals, and crawling creatures.”

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“For they exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Romans 1:25

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1 John 4:7

**Beloved, let's love one another;
for love is from God, and
everyone who loves has been
born of God and knows God.**

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- “Beloved” – Greek (ἀγαπητός) a person dearly Loved and cherished.
- “Love is from God” – God’s Fingerprint is everywhere.
- “Knows God” – Greek (*ginōskō*) to know in an experiential way.

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

1 John 4:8

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**“Love does not define God,
but God defines love.”**

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“By this the love of God was revealed in us, that God has sent His only Son into the world so that we may live through Him.”

1 John 4:9

Revealed – shown, demonstrated.
Love is not only about words. It is
about action.

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“...God has sent His only Son into the world...”

The need to appease the wrath of gods is something that many religions have in common, but only in Christianity is God the one who offers Himself as a sacrifice for His creation.

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“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.”

1 John 4:10

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How, then, can a holy God uphold His own justice and still forgive sinners? The answer is in the sacrifice of Christ. At the cross, God, in His holiness, judged sin. God, in His Love, offers Jesus Christ to the world as Savior. God was just in that He punished sin, but He is also loving in that He offers free forgiveness through what Jesus did at Calvary.

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