

# Love Dogma



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*Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.*

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"Authentic Trust"

*1 John 7:21*

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## 1. True Love Remembered (7-10)

- a. True love began in God (7-8) - "...love is from God...God is love" **Love is the expression of the essence of God's nature**
- b. True love broke forth from God (9) - "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him."
- c. True love bought us back to God (10)-"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

## 2. True Love Reaches Out (7, 11-16)

- a. The Rule (7a, 11) - "Beloved, let us love one another...we also ought to love one another"
- b. The Reason (12-13) - "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit." **People no longer can see God; if they will know His love, it will be through us**
- c. The Remedy (14-15) - "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."
- d. The Result (16) - "So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in Him."

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### 3. True Love Refines (17-19)

- a. It prepares us for the future (17a)-“By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment...”
- b. It protects us in the present (17b-18)-“...because as He is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”
- c. It pardoned us in the past (19) - “We love because He first loved us.” Why then would He reject us now?