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Psalm 103:2 ↗

O bless you, O LORD, my strength!
Your faithfulness is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

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The Solid Rock

Hallelujah What A Savior

King Of Kings

The Lion Of Goal

Scripture of the Day

The Holy Spirit of love in us will produce love from us.

1 JOHN 3:24

1 John 4:7–21 ↗

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world

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What if you never experience love that is:
-1-
Patient
Love endures offenses and waits without frustration (1 Corinthians 13:4) and trusts God to give and avenge (Romans 12:19)
1 Corinthians 13:4, Ephesians 4:32

1 Corinthians 13:4 ↗

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

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What if you never experience love that is:
-2-
and
Love actively embraces' good through compassion, gentleness, and practical care. It's not passive but intentional
1 Corinthians 13:4, Ephesians 4:32

1 Corinthians 13:4 ↗

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

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Ephesians 4:32 ↗

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-3-
Not
Rejects pride, boasting, and self promotion. Prioritizes' others' needs over personal ambition
1 Corinthians 13:4-5
Philippians 2:3 ↗

1 Corinthians 13:4 ↗

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

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Philippians 2:3 ↗

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than yourselves.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-4-
Selfless
Sacrifices personal comfort, resources, or desires for others' benefit
1John 3:16-17, John 15:13

1 John 3:16–17 ↗

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

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John 15:13 ↗

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-5-
Forgiving
Refuses to keep records of wrongs and releases grudges.
1 Corinthians 13:5
Colossians 3:13

1 Corinthians 13:5 ↗

or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

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Colossians 3:13 ↗

bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-6-
Righteous
Delights in truth and rejects evil. Aligns with God's holiness
1 Corinthians 13:6
Ephesians 5:2

1 Corinthians 13:6 ↗

It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

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Ephesians 5:2 ↗

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-7-
Trusting
Believes the best in others and fosters hope.
1 Corinthians 13:7
1 Peter 4:8

1 Corinthians 13:7 ↗

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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1 Peter 4:8 ↗

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-8-
Hopeful
Perseveres through trials, trusting God's redemptive work.
1 Corinthians 13:7
Romans 12:12

1 Corinthians 13:7 ↗

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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Romans 12:12 ↗

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-9-
Courageous
Overcomes fear with God's perfect love
1 John 4:18

1 John 4:18 ↗

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.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-10-
Unifying
Binds believers together in peace and mutual care.
Colossians 3:14

Colossians 3:14 ↗

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-11-
Sacrificial
Mirrors Christ's death on the cross. Prioritizes others' needs unconditionally.
John 15:13, Romans 5:8

John 15:13 ↗

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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Romans 5:8 ↗

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

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What if you never experience love that is:
-12-
Joyful
Rejoices in others' blessings without envy.
1 Corinthians 13:4-6
Romans 12:15

1 Corinthians 13:4 ↗

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

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Romans 12:15 ↗

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-13-
Respectful
Honors others' dignity, avoiding rudeness or manipulation.
1 Corinthians 13:5
1 Peter 2:17

1 Corinthians 13:5 ↗

or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

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1 Peter 2:17 ↗

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-14-
Protective
Guards others' well-being and refuses to expose sin.
1 Corinthians 13:7
Proverbs 31:8-9

1 Corinthians 13:7 ↗

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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Proverbs 31:8–9 ↗

Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-15-
Generous
Freely gives time, resources, and grace.
2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Luke 6:38

2 Corinthians 9:7 ↗

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each person must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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Luke 6:38 ↗

give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

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What if you never experience love that is:
-16-
Relentless
Never gives up, even when love is hard. Endures all.
1 Corinthians 13:8, Luke 6:35

1 Corinthians 13:8 ↗

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

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Luke 6:35 ↗

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

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Christian love is not a feeling but a commitment to reflect God's character. The Holy Spirit of love in us.

The relationship between the Father and the Son is perfect love. Trinitarian Love

There is a personal distinctions/ otherness between them so that one can love the other while that other fully the same Divine

The Father loves the Son with a fullness of all his attributes the glory of God.

John 3:35 ⇗

John 5:20–30 ⇗ —

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whatever believes in the Son has eternal life; whatever disbelieves the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

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The Father loves the Son with all his sovereignty.

John 3:35 ⇗

John 5:20–21 ⇗ —

For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these he will show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. For the ⇗

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The Father loves the Son with a completeness of delight at the beginning of His earthly ministry.

Matthew 3:16-17

Matthew 3:16–17 ⇗ —

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him, and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved,

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The Father loves the Son with a completeness of delight at the end of His earthly ministry.

Matthew 17:5-8

Matthew 17:5–8 ⇗ —

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

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The Father and the Son desire for us to experience their love.

John 17:24 ⇗

John 17:20–26 ⇗ —

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, be with me where I am, that they may see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know

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The Father and Son send the Holy Spirit for us to experience the Trinitarian love.

Romans 5:5 ⇗ —

and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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Galatians 4:4–7 ⇗ —

But when the fullness of time came, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So God has made you a son. So you are no longer a slave but an heir through God.

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Galatians 5:22–23 ⇗ —

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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John 16:7–8 ⇗ —

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness,

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John 14:15–21 ⇗ —

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

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John 14:26 ⇗ —

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

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John 15:26 ⇗ —

"When the Helper I have spoken to you comes, whom I am sending to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will testify about me.

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Romans 8:9–16 ⇗ —

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is true that Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is

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Therefore:

The Holy Spirit of love in us will manifest itself in us ! John 4:7-12

1 John 4:7–12 ⇗ —

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this was God's love made manifest among us, that God sent his only

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1 The Holy Spirit of Love in you prompts you to love one another.

1 John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

"If you don't love then you don't have the Holy Spirit in you."

1 John 4:8

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love

2 The Holy Spirit of Love in you removes our whole being.

1 John 4:9

In this was God's love made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

The Holy Spirit of love in us will manifest itself in us ! 1 John 4:7-12 "For the presence of God is love."

3 The Holy Spirit of Love in you prompts us to love one another.

1 John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

4 The Holy Spirit of Love in you shows us our sin.

1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected (grounded) in us.

5 The Holy Spirit of Love in you gives assurance of salvation.

1 John 4:13

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

6 The Holy Spirit of Love in you gives confidence of judgment day.

1 John 4:17

By this love has been perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is, so we also are in this world.

7 The Holy Spirit of love in you casts out all fear of eternal judgement.

1 John 4:18

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.

8 The Holy Spirit of love in you does not let you hate others.

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us. 20 If someone 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.

9 The Holy Spirit of love in you loves the brothers and sisters.

1 John 4:21

And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Ephesians 3:14–19 ⇗ —

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you to be strengthened with mighty power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ

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Are you pulsed life

Ephesians 3:14–19 ⇗ —

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting our meeting together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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