

God With Us: LOVE

Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:17-21, John 3:16-18

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 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. 1 John 4:10

Summary:

The current state of the world, while possibly worse than we've known it in our life time, is what it has always been. Sinful, fallen and contrary to all that God desires! What is your current state? Is your life filled with fear, hate, sorrow and conflict? What is God's desired future for you? Do you know it is a life filled with hope, love, joy and peace? What action steps are necessary to step into God's desired future for you? Trust the Lord with all your heart. Confess your sins. Surrender to Jesus. The greatest love of all is that God is with you. Jesus came to show you love from God. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us.

· God Loves Us

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." John 3:16-18

- We Must Love One Another
- Love is From God
- Whoever Loves Has Been Born of God

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.

1 John 4:7-8

Jesus is the Manifest Love of 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. 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. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 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. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, 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. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 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. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother, 1 John 4:9-21

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Life Application

- 1. What is the greatest love you have ever known or witnessed?
- 2. Who is your brother? Who is your neighbor?
- 3. Have you come to know and believe the love God has for you?
- 4. Do you believe Jesus is the manifest love of God? Why? Why not?
- 5. Do you accept that Jesus came to be the savior of the world? Your savior?
- 6. Are you loving your brother?
- 7. Are you loving one another?