

God is Love  
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7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (NIV)

What “God is love” doesn’t mean:

1 “God is love” doesn’t mean that God doesn’t judge sin.

Revelation 20:11-12

2. “God is love” doesn’t mean that there is nothing God hates

Deuteronomy 12:31

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. (NIV)

Malachi 2:16

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (NIV)

Nothing demonstrates our faith in Christ better than our love for others.

1 John 4:9-10

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Five qualities of God’s love:

1 God’s love is sacrificial.

2 God's love involves action that benefits others.

3 God's love is unconditional.

John 1:10-13

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)

4 God's love is undeserving

Romans 5:6-8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

5 God's love is unending

1 John 4:11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

God's love is:

Sacrificial, takes action, is unconditional, is undeserving and unending

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (NIV)