



First John

abiding faith

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3 Key Ideas From John 2:26-3:10

1. Adoption
2. Anointing
3. Abiding



1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us,



1 John 4:7-21

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



1 John 4:7-21

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



1 John 4:7-21

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



1 John 4:7-21

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



1 John 4:7-21

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



1 John 4:7-21

he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.



God is love



1 John 4:8, 16

⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

¹⁶ ... God is love...



**God love is expressed in Christ's death
so we can have life**



1 John 4:9

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.



God's perfect love casts out fear



1 John 4:17-18

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We love others because God loves us



1 John 4:7, 11, 19

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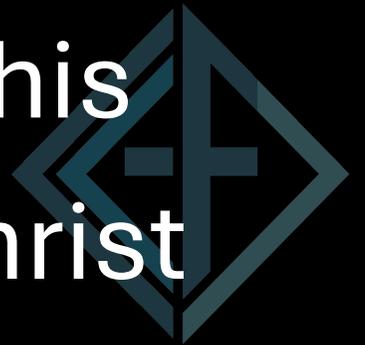


God's love is the most powerful and positive transforming force there is!



Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ



Ephesians 3:14-19

may dwell in your hearts through faith—
**that you, being rooted and grounded in
love,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend
with all the saints what is the breadth and
length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to
know the love of Christ that surpasses**



Ephesians 3:14-19

knowledge, that you may be filled with
all the fullness of God.



1 John 4:16

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.



1 John 4:12

¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.



Application

1. Marinate this week in God's love for you.
2. Every day express God's love to someone else.



Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.



Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!



Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

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The Bible tells me so

