

***LOVE Overcomes*** February 4, 2024  
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***To help us ALL recognize, know, & experience the Love of God  
Not just hear about it or read about it or sing about it (Jesus love me...)***

**1 John 3:16** We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers & sisters.

*We know what real love is because Jesus is our example. Through His Life, we know how to love; through Jesus, we know what real Love is. Jesus is our Pattern. Jesus is our Blueprint. Jesus is our Cornerstone.*

**1 John 3:16a AMPC** By this we come to know, progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand **the essential love**: that He laid down His own life for us...

*Jesus, God, gave His life so that we can progressively know & come to understand the **essential love** of God. Through the selfless love of Christ, we're able to pattern our "Love Walk" after His selfless love.*

***So now, Jesus is our "Love Benchmark."***(more on that later)

**1 John 4:7b** ...for **love** comes from God. Anyone who **loves** is a child of God & knows God. <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not **love** does not know God, for **God is love**. <sup>9</sup> God showed how much He **loved** us by sending His one & only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. <sup>10</sup> This is real **love** - not that **we loved** God, but that **He loved** us & sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

***Our God selflessly gave His Son Jesus to us because He first loved us.  
God loved us even before we had the capability to love.  
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**1 John 4:8 AMP** The one who does not love has not become acquainted w/ God [does not & never did know Him], for God is love. [He's the originator of love, & it's an enduring attribute of His nature.

**1 John 4:16** We know how much God loves us, & we have put our trust in His love. God is love, & all who live in love live in God, & God lives in them. 17 As we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face Him w/ confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. 18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we're afraid, it's for fear of punishment, & this shows that we have not fully experienced His perfect love.

*Because we know God loves us, we know He wants the best for us, only good for us, no harm to us. We have no fear in His love & care.*

**Romans 5:5b** ...we know how dearly God *loves* us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts w/ His love.

**Romans 5:8** But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

*God is love defined. Jesus is Love manifested.  
Jesus is the very definition of love.*

**John 3:16 AMP** For God so greatly loved & dearly prized the world that He even gave up His only begotten (unique) Son,...

*Jesus was content to come & die for us, we were not a burden. You're not a problem to God. He's happy to love you & rejoice over you.*

**John 3:16** For this is how God (greatly) loved (prized) the world: He gave (gifted) His one & only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him.

*God's love is still here today. God's love never changes! His love is the same yesterday, today, & forever! The love of God is still being experienced all over the world. God's love is still being poured out. Anyone who receives God's love, will receive God's power!*

*God's love wins. His love overthrows. His love overcomes.  
His love conquers. His Love never fails. His Love never fades.*

*Jesus recognized, knew, & experienced the Love of God.*

**John 15:9** “I have ***loved*** you even as the Father has ***loved*** Me. ***Remain in My love.*** (Jesus knew, Jesus gets it, Jesus trusted, Jesus flowed...)

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**BLESSING:**

*May His Love serve as your Cornerstone & your family’s foundation.*

*May His Love establish you & stabilize you.*

*May His Love be your blueprint & pattern for your life.*

*May His Love clothe you & cover you.*

*May His Love shield you & protect you.*

*May His Love lift you up & strengthen you.*

*I pray that you experience the hope & power in God’s Love.*

*God loves you unconditionally, w/ all that He is & all that He has.*

*All that God does, He does in love. And there’s no limit.*

*While you were a sinner, Jesus died for you.*

*While you were in sin, His Love pursued you.*

*While you were in darkness, His Love shined on your heart.*

*His Love is more powerful than your sin.*

*His Love is more powerful than your shame.*

*His Love is more powerful than your guilt & pain.*

*His Love is brighter than the darkness that you face.*

*Our God is Love, & His Love overthrows any obstacle in your life.*

*Through Jesus, we perceive & come to know the selfless Love of God.*

*Our God laid down His life for us. Christ, our True & Living King,*

*gave His life so that we may see God’s Love manifested.*

*If you haven’t accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior, say this:*

*Father God, I thank You for Your Son Jesus. I believe that He died, & rose for me. I repent of my sin, & I turn to You. I surrender all. I confess w/ my mouth, Jesus is my Lord & Savior. Amen.*