

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

THE LOVE OF GOD

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HYMN

Oh love of God! How rich and pure! How
measureless and strong! It shall
forevermore endure the Saint's and
Angel's song.

1 JOHN 4:16-21

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

THOUGHT

- God is Love
- God loves us because God is love!

1 JOHN 4:13-15

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: 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 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

QUOTE

"Cheap Grace is Grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without the living, incarnate Jesus Christ... It means that people are not truly sacrificing anything for the grace God has granted them."

- D.B.

1 JOHN 4:16

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TRUTH

We can rely on God's love

1 JOHN 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

TRUTH

We also love others because He first loved us.

1 JOHN 4:16-17

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1 JOHN 4:18

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REMEMBER

- The perfect love of God casts out all fear!
- Fear Less becomes Fearless

PRACTICAL WAYS TO SHOW OUR LOVE FOR GOD:

- Sharing the Good News
- Reading His word
- Communicating with God in prayer
- Loving others
- Giving generously

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

QUOTE

The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.

- CS Lewis